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Ground troops possible in Iraq

If airstrikes fail, combat forces may be needed, Dempsey says

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said Tuesday he would recommend sending U.S. combat troops to Iraq to fight the Islamic State if a proposed international coalition fails to defeat the militants.

For now, Gen. Martin Dempsey said he sees no need for ground forces and believes the United States can defeat the Islamist group with airstrikes, training of local fighters and an international coalition.

But his comment before the Senate Armed Services Committee opened the possibility even as President Barack Obama has repeatedly tried to assure the public that his new offensive against the Islamic State will not mean "boots on the ground."

As the administration finalized Syria airstrike plans, Dempsey and Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel went to Capitol Hill on Tuesday to whip up support for \$500 million in funding to train and equip Syrian rebels against the Islamist extremists.

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Joe Gromelski/Stars and Stripes

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, left, and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey testify on Capitol Hill on Tuesday.



ABBAS DULLEN/AP

A child holds his hand over his nose while looking at a man suspected of suffering from the Ebola virus in Monrovia, Liberia, on Friday.

US sending 3,000 military personnel to Africa to lead fight against Ebola

By LENA H. SUN AND JULIET EILPERIN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama announced Tuesday that the U.S. military will take the lead in overseeing what has been a chaotic and widely criticized response to the worst Ebola outbreak in history, dispatching as many as 3,000 military personnel to West Africa in an effort that could cost as much as \$750 million during the next six months, according to senior administration officials.

By the end of the week, a general sent by U.S. Africa Command will be in place in Monrovia, Liberia — the country where transmission rates are increasing exponentially — to lead the effort called Operation United Assistance.

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BY THE NUMBERS

3,000 The number of U.S. forces deploying to Monrovia, Liberia.

17 The number of new health care facilities being built in the region, with 100 beds each.

65 The number of officers being deployed from the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps to manage and staff a previously announced Department of Defense hospital that will care for health care workers who become ill.

50,000 The number of home health care kits being airlifted to Liberia that can be used by people in remote communities. The U.S. will also train local populations on how to handle patients exposed to Ebola.

From The Associated Press

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We don't really know what the grog rations were like at that time at sea, either. So it may be that we've got a bit of a fisherman's story going on there, too."

— Kat Bolstad, squid scientist, on sailors' tales about giant squids. A 770-pound squid was caught in Antarctica's Ross Sea in December.

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MILITARY

Heroism 'lost in the fog of war'

President awards Medal of Honor to 2 Vietnam veterans

By HEATH DRUZIN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Running through sniper and mortar fire to retrieve wounded comrades and ammunition, fighting off Vietnamese soldiers, digging an escape tunnel to help his fellow soldiers survive a brutal assault, all while bleeding from multiple wounds — the full story of Bennie Adkins' heroism during a deadly 38-hour battle could not fit in a 20-minute ceremony.

"Bennie performed so many acts of bravery that we don't have time to talk about all of them," President Barack Obama said in a ceremony Monday awarding the Medal of Honor to Adkins and, posthumously, Spc. 4 Donald P. Sloat, who covered a grenade to save his fellow soldiers.

'This is strictly a humbling experience.'

Bennie Adkins
on receiving the Medal of Honor

Adkins, who was a sergeant first class on his second tour in Vietnam at the time, is credited with killing 135 to 175 Vietnamese and was wounded 18 times during the battle while running back and forth between a mortar position and no-man's land. Despite his injuries, he refused to be evacuated while other wounded soldiers needed medical help and ended up spending an extra night on a mountainside with fellow soldiers, surrounded by Vietnamese soldiers. At one point, the night before Adkins and his remaining comrades were rescued, they heard a tiger growl from the jungle — a growl he credits with scaring away the Viet Cong.

For Adkins and the family of Sloat, the recognition was decades in the making.

Sloat made his fatal decision — credited with saving the lives of three fellow soldiers — in 1970 after another soldier triggered a trip wire and the attached grenade rolled to Sloat's feet. He was 20 years old and serving as a machine gunner with 3rd Platoon, Delta Company, 2/1 196th Light Infantry Brigade.

"Don did something truly amazing — he reached down and picked that grenade up," Obama said. At first Sloat looked to throw the grenade, but seeing U.S. soldiers all around him, covered it instead.

"So Don held on to that grenade," Obama



Rick Vasquez/Stars and Stripes

President Barack Obama applauds after awarding Army Command Sgt. Maj. Bennie Adkins the Medal of Honor at the White House on Monday.



Meredith Tibbitts/Stars and Stripes

Bill Sloat receives the Medal of Honor on behalf of his brother, Spc. 4 Donald P. Sloat.

said, "and he pulled it close to his body. And he bent over it. And then, as one of the men said, 'all of a sudden there was a boom.'"

"The blast threw the lead soldier up against a boulder," Obama continued. "Men were riddled with shrapnel. Four were medevaced out, but everyone else survived."

For Adkins, it took nearly 50 years to be recognized for leading fellow soldiers through

the harrowing battle in 1966 while serving as an intelligence sergeant with detachment A-102, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces.

"Sometimes even the most extraordinary stories get lost in the fog of war," Obama said.

Sloat's brother, Bill Sloat, was on hand to accept the award and expressed gratitude in brief comments following the ceremony. For decades, Sloat's family was unaware of the details of his death.

"On behalf of my brother, Donald P. Sloat, I'd like to thank our country for this great award," he said.

Adkins, now 80 and living in Alabama, went on to serve another tour in Vietnam and achieved the rank of command sergeant major. With halting steps, he took the stage in the East Room of the White House to accept his award, which he dedicated to the five soldiers who died in the battle and accepted on behalf of the soldiers who fought with him.

"This is strictly a humbling experience," he said.

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WAR/MILITARY

3 ISAF troops killed in Kabul suicide bombing

By SLOBODAN LEKIC
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — Two U.S. servicemembers and a Polish soldier were killed Tuesday when a suicide bomber struck a convoy of vehicles near the heavily guarded U.S. Embassy compound in Kabul, officials said.

The International Security Assistance Force said three of its servicemembers died “as a result of an enemy attack” in Kabul, but did not disclose the nationalities. Five ISAF members were reported wounded.

In Washington a defense official said two of the three fatalities were Americans. The third was a Polish sergeant, Poland’s Defense Ministry said.

Separately, another coalition soldier was killed Monday in an apparent insider attack in western Afghanistan, an ISAF statement said. A Pentagon official said the victim was an American.

Taliban insurgents claimed responsibility for the attack.

Polish military spokesman identified the dead Polish servicemember as Sgt. Rafal Celebuzdzki. The spokesman told The Associated Press that Celebuzdzki

was driving one of the vehicles that was struck in the bombing. He said two other Polish soldiers were among the wounded.

Hashmat Stanikzai, spokesman for the Kabul police, said 13 civilians were wounded in the blast and that 17 civilian vehicles were damaged.

An Interior Ministry statement condemned the attack and said it was carried out by the “enemies of peace.”

The attack occurred on the busy airport road, which is frequently jammed with rush-hour traffic early in the morning. Roads around the scene of the attack were blocked by security personnel. Windows on nearby government ministries and other buildings were broken.

A Taliban spokesman said a guerrilla named Bilal had driven an explosives-laden Toyota Corolla into the convoy driving through the capital.

“Bilal waited for this attack for a couple of days, watching the same road to make sure it would be accurate,” spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said in a telephone interview. “He targeted the middle of the convoy in order to avoid civilian casualties.”



RAHMAT GUL/AP

NATO and Afghan security forces inspect the site of a suicide attack on a convoy that included International Security Assistance Force personnel in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Tuesday.

The attack came amid a prolonged political crisis stemming from accusations of irregularities in the presidential election.

A U.N.-supervised audit of the 8 million ballots cast was completed last week, but the results have still not been announced because the two candidates, for-

mer Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah and former Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani, disagreed on the count.

The stalemate and the resulting delay in the transfer of power from current President Hamid Karzai has raised concerns about

Afghanistan’s political stability at a time of increased insurgent activity ahead of the coming withdrawal of all foreign combat troops at the end of this year.

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Breakthrough in Afghan election impasse may be at hand

By SLOBODAN LEKIC
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan’s long post-election stalemate appeared to be nearing a resolution Tuesday after negotiations between the two presidential candidates on a power-sharing deal.

Representatives of both campaigns and the office of President Hamid Karzai said a deal was imminent, but none of them revealed details. At issue is a proposal by Secretary of State John Kerry — accepted in principle by both candidates last month — to establish a chief executive position in the government that would be chosen by the losing candidate.

“In the past several days we have been meeting continuously,” said Fazal Rahman Orya, an official with Abdullah Abdullah’s campaign. “We are on the verge of a deal.”

A spokesman for rival candidate Ashraf Ghani was more cautious.

“Agreements have been made, but they have not been formalized,” said Ghani’s spokesman Khpalwak said. “There is an op-

timism that the deal will be signed in the very near future.” Both men said some details still needed to be worked out, but that they would not affect the outcome.

The hopeful signals for a deal followed a meeting Monday with Karzai, who urged both candidates to speed up their efforts to form a government of national unity, a government statement said.

The presidential candidates expressed optimism to soon sign their agreement in the presence of President Karzai and other prominent national figures,” the statement said.

The main differences in the past were centered on the powers of the chief executive position. Abdullah’s campaign wanted the position to head the Cabinet, while Ghani’s was opposed, saying it would lead to a situation where



Abdullah

there would be “two presidents.”

Khpalwak said outstanding differences about the chief executive’s authority had been settled, but did not

provide details.

The U.S. proposal to form a unity government ensued from allegations of massive fraud in the election. In the first round of voting in April, Abdullah led, but did not have enough votes to avoid a runoff. Ghani was far ahead, according to preliminary results, after the second round poll June 14, leading to a U.N.-supervised audit of the 8 million ballots cast.

The audit was completed last week, but the results have not yet been announced because Abdullah’s campaign has disagreed on the count.

The impasse and resulting delay in the transfer of power from Karzai have sparked worries about Afghanistan’s political

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Younas Fakor
Afghan policy analyst

stability at a time of increased insurgent activity ahead of the coming withdrawal of all NATO combat troops by the end of the year.

The intent is to retain a small force of nearly 10,000 American troops into next year, primarily as advisers and trainers. But that is dependent on the signing of a bilateral security agreement laying out the terms of a continued U.S. presence. Karzai has refused to sign it. Both Ghani and Abdullah say they will, but until one is declared president, that agreement and a similar one with NATO remain in limbo.

Younas Fakor, an Afghan political analyst, said agreement on

a unity government is key.

“Looking at the current situation of the country, a political agreement on the national unity government was absolutely essential,” he said. “The (candidates) irresponsibly caused a lot of unnecessary problems to the country by dragging out their dispute.”

Fakor proposed that the U.N. and independent Afghan experts form a commission to monitor implementation of a possible deal. “Otherwise we’ll have constant bickering about it in coming years,” he said.

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MILITARY

Virus: Military units for Ebola mission not yet chosen

FROM FRONT PAGE

The command will help overseas and coordinate U.S. and international relief efforts while a new, separate regional staging base will help accelerate transportation of urgently needed equipment, supplies and personnel.

In addition, the Pentagon will send engineers to set up 17 treatment centers in Liberia — each with a 100-bed capacity — as well as medical personnel to train up to 500 health care workers a week in the region.

Department of Defense spokeswoman Navy Cmdr Amy Derrick-Prost said AFRICOM officials are still assessing requirements and they haven't decided which U.S. military units will be involved in the response.

The Pentagon expects to have capabilities in place in "the next several weeks," according to Derrick-Prost.

She said the U.S. military will train local medical personnel to treat Ebola victims, but there will be "no direct patient care" provided by American servicemen.

The president's decision to enlist the U.S. military, whose resources are already under strain as it responds to conflicts in the Middle East, reflects the growing concern of U.S. officials that, unless greater force is brought to bear, the epidemic could wreak havoc on the continent.

"It's this broad range of capabilities together that will turn the tide of this epidemic," said one senior administration official, who along with others spoke on the condition of anonymity in order to discuss the president's plan in advance of Obama's trip to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta on Tuesday.

Global health experts and international aid groups who have been urging the White House to quickly scale up its response praised the plan as described. They have said charities and West African governments alone do not have the capacity to stem the epidemic. The U.S. military, with its enormous logistical capability, could help in operations and help, say, skilled medical corps, could address gaps in the response quickly.

"This is a really significant response on the military side," said Laurie Garrett, senior fellow for global health at the Council on Foreign Relations and author of a book about the first Ebola outbreak in 1976 and another on the global public health system. "This is really beginning to seem like a game-changer."

But much depends on how quickly personnel and supplies can get there.

"The problem is, for every single thing we're doing, we're racing against the virus, and the virus has the high ground right now," Garrett said. "I would hope this could be a game-changer, but it's all about how fast people can get there and get the job done. If it takes weeks to mobilize, the strategy won't even be within reach."

Although the official death toll is at least 2,400 people in five African countries, officials say it grossly underestimates the true caseload.

Suiting up for Ebola

Some residents of West Africa are frightened by the protective suits worn by health workers aiding victims of the Ebola virus, but for those workers, personal protective equipment and strict disinfection procedures offer critical protection from the deadly disease, which is transmitted through contact with bodily fluids.

THE SUIT

Surgical cap

Goggles

Respirator

Coveralls

Two pairs of gloves, taped closed

Boots

*Doctors Without Borders design

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CHARITY BROWN AND PATTERSON CLARK/ THE WASHINGTON POST

Garrett, who has been talking to health care workers in the region, said the cumulative total, including deaths, could reach 250,000 by Christmas.

A senior official cautioned that the efforts "won't happen overnight." It will be several weeks before training of health care workers can be up and running.

White House press secretary Josh Earnest said Monday that Obama is visiting the CDC to get an update "about the success of their efforts so far ... and to that contrast the strategy that's presently in place, is to try to invest early to prevent this from becoming much more serious."

Washington has come under fire from African officials — especially in the hardest-hit countries of Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea — and on Capitol Hill for not marshaling more of its resources to combat the epidemic.

The U.S. has already spent \$175 million responding to the outbreak and has dispatched 100 CDC experts among the largest deployments of agency personnel in its history. The administration has sought an additional \$88 million and may ask for more, according to a senior administration official. "I don't want to close the door on potential additional funding," the official said. Meanwhile, the Pentagon wants to take up to \$500 million from existing funds within the Pentagon's budget that have not yet been spent and use it for the plan to fight Ebola.

The Pentagon announced last week it would send a 25-bed hospital to Liberia. The hospital

THE PROCEDURE

1 Each worker is accompanied by a partner, who spot-checks for exposure to the virus or tears in the garment.

2 Before entering treatment centers, workers wash with a water solution of 0.5 percent chlorine or soap and water.

3 Once in the treatment center, workers should not touch their face. They should limit the number of surfaces they touch and must wash their gloved hands frequently.

4 Workers should change gloves if they become heavily contaminated. If supply allows, gloves must be changed when moving from patient to patient.

5 When leaving the treatment center, workers are sprayed with a chlorine solution and step through a chlorine basin in a decontamination zone.

6 In the decontamination area, workers first remove outer gloves and place them in a biohazard container.

7 Workers wash their hands in a chlorine solution or soap and water after removing each item of protective clothing.

8 As they leave the containment area, their feet are sprayed with a chlorine solution.

9 Coveralls, goggles, boots and aprons can be reused after disinfection. Gloves, facemasks, respirators and surgical caps are incinerated.

is designed to care for health care workers who become ill and eventually will be turned over to the Liberian government. It will be at least a month before the hospital is up and running. The United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps is preparing to deploy 65 Commissioned Corps officers to Liberia to manage and staff the hospital.

The United States has already set up one mobile laboratory, and another two are on the way.

In addition to expanding treatment and training facilities, the U.S. will send enough basic Ebola response kits to supply 400,000 households in Liberia, according to a senior administration official. That is intended to address an increasingly common phenomenon in which sick patients are denied access to health care treatment centers and sent home instead.

The packages, which include sanitizers, will help curb transmission of the disease among family members and expand access to ambulances and treatment centers so those infected can be taken to health care facilities. The U.S. Agency for International Development this week will airlift 50,000 home health care kits from Denmark to Liberia to be hand-delivered by trained volunteers.

The administration's decision to involve the military in providing equipment and other assistance for international health workers in Africa comes after mounting calls from some unlikely groups — most prominently the international medical organization Doctors Without Borders — pressed the urgency of the issue. While the

UN: \$1B needed now to stop disease threat

The Associated Press

GENEVA — The number of Ebola cases in West Africa could start doubling every three weeks and it could end up costing nearly \$1 billion to contain the crisis, the World Health Organization warned Tuesday.

Even as President Barack Obama announced the deployment of 3,000 American troops to help provide aid in the region, Doctors Without Borders told the U.N. health agency that the global response to Ebola was falling far short of what is needed.

"The response to Ebola continues to fall dangerously behind," Joanne Liu, president of the medical charity, told a meeting at the United Nations in Geneva. "The window of opportunity to contain this outbreak is closing. We need more countries to stand up, we need greater deployment, and we need it now."

In a report released Tuesday, the WHO said some \$987.5 million is needed for everything from paying health workers and buying supplies to tracing people who have been exposed to the virus, which is spread by contact with bodily fluids like urine or diarrhea. Some \$23.8 million alone is needed to pay burial teams and buy body bags, since the bodies of Ebola

victims are highly infectious and workers must wear protection suits.

Nearly 5,000 people have been sickened by Ebola in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Nigeria and Senegal since it was first recognized in March. WHO says it anticipates that figure could rise to more than 20,000. At least 2,400 people have died, with Liberia bearing the brunt of the fatalities.

Recent weeks have seen a flurry of promises of aid.

In addition to the U.S. troops, the U.N. health agency said China has promised to send a 59-person mobile laboratory team to Sierra Leone that includes lab experts, epidemiologists, doctors and nurses. Britain is also planning to build and operate an Ebola clinic in Sierra Leone, and Cuba has promised to send the country more than 160 health workers.

Still, hospitals and clinics in West Africa are now turning the sick away because they don't have enough space to treat everyone. In a sign of the disease, which in this outbreak is killing about half of those it infects.

The United States, in particular, drew criticism last week when it promised to send up a 25-bed field hospital in Liberia that would only serve foreign health workers.

world's largest international health organizations, several governments and many nonprofits have devoted significant resources to addressing the virus outbreak, administration officials said Monday they had concluded that the U.S. would have to lead more aggressively in order to check Ebola's spread. In Liberia, patients are dying on the street because there aren't enough beds in treatment centers.

"Our concern is if we do not arrest that growth, and we don't arrest that growth now, we could be looking at hundreds of thousands of cases in Africa, the officials said, noting that it will still take "months" to reduce the numbers of illnesses and deaths from the disease.

Even as officials emphasized the need for bold action, they said they were bolstering defenses within the U.S., they said the chance of an Ebola outbreak here was "a very low probability."

Public health experts in America "know how to contain this virus," the officials said. If there is a case that appears in the United States, that person would be isolated [and] the appropriate protocols would be put in place such that it would contain that."

To some extent, the measures the president is adopting have been called for by some of his

critics. On Friday, Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, called on Obama to appoint a "central coordinator" to oversee the government's response. Tennessee Sen. Lamar Alexander, the top Republican on the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, said in a statement Monday, "This is an instance where we should be running toward the burning flames with our fireproof suits on."

High-level planning by top officials from the CDC, the Pentagon, the State Department, USAID and the National Institutes of Health has been taking place for some time about options for a U.S. response, according to a senior administration official who spoke on background because planning was underway. The most recent high-level meeting was convened by Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at the Pentagon last Wednesday.

Speaking on NBC's "Meet The Press" on Sept. 7, Obama said that if the U.S. and other countries did not send equipment, health workers and other supplies to the region, the virus could mutate to become more transmissible.

"And then it could be a serious danger to the United States," Obama said on the show.

Stars and Stripes reporter Jon Harper contributed to this report.

VETERANS

VA chief seeks to boost facilities, staff and pay

By JENNIFER HLAD

Stars and Stripes

SAN DIEGO — As part of the effort to eliminate the Veterans Affairs appointment backlog by the end of next year, VA Secretary Bob McDonald said Monday that he plans to increase the range of pay for VA doctors and nurses, among other changes.

Here to address the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs convention, McDonald said Monday that more clinic and hospital space, more employees and better pay for providers are the keys to solving the wait-time problems that have plagued the VA for years; he's recently started going to medical schools to recruit doctors and nurses himself.

As of Sept. 5, the Veterans Health Administration also has reached out to more than 240,000 veterans to get them appointments, and reduced the electronic waiting lists by 57 percent, he said.



McDonald

"We have a lot of work to do," McDonald said. "I think we're well on our way, though, to ending the backlog by 2015."

San Diego's wait times are not as long as at many VA facilities. Local VA director Jeff Gering said new patients wait fewer than 20 days for primary care, specialty care and mental health appointments.

But the veteran population is growing rapidly. McDonald said San Diego County is the No. 1 destination for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, and the VHA must get ahead of the curve so wait times don't balloon in the future.

Still, expansion takes time. Construction is underway on an additional 217,000 square feet at the VA hospital in La Jolla, and plans are moving forward to

double the clinic space in Mission Valley and triple the space in Chula Vista.

In the meantime, hospitals and clinics have added night and weekend hours to make room for more caregivers, and thus reduce appointment delays.

Gering said he hopes to shorten the construction time frame and hire additional staff once they have room for them.

In Phoenix, where patients languished on secret wait lists for months, McDonald said each doctor had only one room, versus the three rooms per doctor typical in the private sector. That meant doctors could not see as many patients, he said.

But capacity was only one of myriad problems in Phoenix. McDonald said he hopes recommitting to the VA's mission will help ensure that VA employees are truly working to reduce wait times, not just statistics.

"Hiding names in a drawer or on a secret wait list is obviously not committed to the mission," McDonald said.



JENNIFER HLAD/Stars and Stripes

Construction is underway to add 217,000 square feet to the San Diego Veterans Affairs hospital in La Jolla, Calif., and there are plans to dramatically increase clinic space elsewhere in San Diego County.

The VA also is encouraging the inspector general to investigate sites alleged to have kept secret lists, and it will refer cases to the FBI and for disciplinary action when appropriate, he said.

"Delivering accountability is very important to us," McDonald said.

He's also seeking critical feedback. Since several media outlets published his cellphone number online — which he offered up at a news conference — he's received

calls at all hours, he said.

He also has hosted several town hall meetings, including one Monday morning at the San Diego VA hospital, which he said might have been the best yet.

"The people were not bashful at all," he said. "But that's good. That's what we want. ... The intention is to get all that bad news out. We can't work on it if we don't know."

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Successors take al-Qaida aims to new places

By CONNIE CASS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Osama bin Laden is dead and al-Qaida dispersed, yet the horrors keep coming.

Western hostages beheaded on camera. Schoolgirls abducted by gunmen in the night. Families fleeing their homes in fear they might be killed because of their religion. The news from much of the Middle East and Africa is relentlessly brutal.

The Islamic State group's rampage through Iraq and Syria has shocked the United States into launching expanded airstrikes at a time when Americans were expecting to pull back from the Middle East after more than a decade of war.

Meanwhile, like-minded militants are gunning people down and blowing them up on a smaller scale in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Libya, Nigeria, Somalia and beyond.

While the 13-year U.S. campaign against al-Qaida has shaken its core leadership, the terrorist group's followers, offshoots and wannabes have spread.

"They're attracting more troops to these individual jihads than al-Qaida was ever able to attract in the past," said Andrew Liegman, former deputy director of the National Counterterrorism Center. "The movement is still alive."

Here's a look at what happened.

Why now?

The number of extremist Sunni fighters more than doubled from 2010 to 2013, said Seth Jones, author of a RAND Corp. study released this summer that tracked seven years of increasing violence.

Among the reasons:
■ Weakened governments left nations vulnerable. Iraq failed to build a strong, unified government after a U.S.-led coalition defeated dictator Saddam Hussein. In Syria, President Bashar Assad's deadly crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators started a civil war. Tunisia and Libya have power vacuums that Islamic militants are exploiting.

■ Extremists took advantage of chaos and lawlessness, especially in Syria and Libya, to establish safe havens from which to launch wider operations.

■ They exploit YouTube, Twitter and other social media to spread their ideology and draw recruits. Al-Qaida didn't have anything like that when it was



Kurds who live in Lebanon shout slogans and hold a photograph during a demonstration against militants who refer to themselves as the Islamic State at the United Nations building in Beirut on Monday.

putting together the attacks on New York City and Washington on Sept. 11, 2001.

■ Actively promoting their causes as part of a broader religious war, or jihad, attracts recruits from around the world.

■ The U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 stirred resentments that drew new fighters to the extremist cause. Many of those who flocked to Iraq, Afghanistan or Pakistan to train and fight have since returned home, bringing with them military skills, ideological fervor and personal ties to militant networks.

■ The historic rivalry between Sunni and Shiite Muslims further inflames the situation. The Islamic State group built its power partly by exploiting Sunni anger at the Shiite-dominated government of former Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

■ The pace of the violence began to quicken after U.S. forces withdrew from Iraq in 2011. As the situation in Syria disintegrated last year, more violence washed across the border into Iraq. "Syria has just been the perfect storm," said Bruce Hoffman, director of the Center for Security Studies at Georgetown University.

Is al-Qaida behind this?

Al-Qaida is the inspiration, at least. The terrorist group's core leadership has been diminished

by American drone strikes and the U.S. raid that killed bin Laden two years ago. The group's affiliates operate more autonomously today.

Indeed, its most notorious offshoot — the Islamic State group that's seized territory from Iraq and Syria — flatly refused to follow al-Qaida's lead and was formally expelled in February.

Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula cooked up the failed "underwear bomber" plot to blow up a Detroit-bound airliner on Christmas 2009 and attempted to ship explosive devices into the U.S. on cargo planes in 2010. Analysts say that group, based in Yemen, is still plotting to strike the American homeland.

Al-Qaida's affiliate in Somalia, known as al-Shabab, stormed a shopping mall in Kenya last year, killing at least 67 people. A U.S. airstrike on Sept. 1 killed its leader and two other officials; the group has sworn revenge.

The Nusra Front operates in Syria, and al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb operates in North Africa. Bin Laden's successor, Ayman al-Zawahiri, recently declared that al-Qaida would expand its reach into India.

Other groups have arisen that have ideologies similar to those of al-Qaida. Among them are Boko Haram, which grabbed the world's attention by kidnapping more than 300 schoolgirls in Ni-

hammad, in the tradition of the earliest Muslims, and advocate holy war to advance their cause. They would severely restrict women, ban music and punish thieves by cutting off their hands.

Most Sunnis aren't Salafis and reject extremist claims.

How do groups differ?

The jihadists have different priorities. Al-Qaida grew out of bin Laden's experiences organizing Muslims to fight the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and its first order of business remains chasing Western powers out of the Middle East. That means striking Americans and other Westerners in their homelands or abroad. Establishing a caliphate comes after that.

As its new name suggests, the Islamic State is focused on seizing territory and setting up an Islamic state now. It has declared the lands it seized this summer in Iraq and Syria to be a caliphate and started enforcing its strict interpretation of Islamic law.

Al-Qaida's leadership broke with the Islamic State group, which was its Iraq branch originally, because of the group's in-subordination in pushing into the Syrian conflict and ruthlessly battling with other jihadi rebels for its own ambitions.

The Islamic State videotaped its beheadings of a British aid worker and two American journalists and said the killings were retaliation for U.S. airstrikes against its fighters in Iraq. Unlike al-Qaida, however, the group has yet to reveal a determination to attack within the U.S.

Some jihadists, such as Boko Haram in Nigeria, primarily want to take control of their own countries.

"Most of these groups consider the U.S. an enemy," Jones said of the various Salafi jihadists. "Most of them are not plotting attacks against the U.S. homeland or U.S. structures like embassies overseas. A few are."

Do they want the same?

Al-Qaida, the Islamic State and sympathetic militants share a goal: creating a caliphate ruled under their extreme interpretation of Shariah, or Islamic law.

They generally are Salafi jihadists, an extreme minority of Sunnis who say they are the only true followers of the Prophet Mu-

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Members of the anti-war activist group CodePink interrupt a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing with Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, left, and Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in Washington on Tuesday.

Iraq: As offensive against extremists moves forward, US considers force of Syrian fighters

FROM FRONT PAGE

The U.S. has sent hundreds of military personnel to Iraq and plans to have about 1,600 there soon, Dempsey said they are working in a "combat advisory role" but "if I found that situation evolving" he could advise the president to move forces into direct combat operations.

"I don't see it to be necessary right now," he said. Dempsey's remarks drew a prompt rebuttal from the White House. Obama "will not deploy ground troops in a combat role into Iraq or Syria," said spokesman Josh Earnest.

A new air offensive against the Islamic State was set to begin.

Obama was to be briefed Wednesday in Tampa, Fla., on strikes against the group's safe havens by Gen. Lloyd Austin, commander of U.S. Central Command, Hagel said.

Strikes on Islamic State command centers and buildings have already been approved by himself and Dempsey, Hagel said.

The new, broader air campaign will include strikes against all Islamic State targets and enable the Iraqi security forces—including Kurdish forces—to continue to stay on the offensive and recapture territory from ISIL and hold it, he said. "Because [the Islamic State] operates freely across the Iraqi-Syrian border and maintains a safe haven in Syria, our actions will not be restrained by a border in name only."

The administration insists it has the authority to wage the war but is asking Congress for support

in an effort to arm and train groups opposing the Islamic State within Syria, which remains in the throes of a three-year civil war.

The House and Senate are considering legislation this week that would give \$500 million to groups inside Syria over the coming year. It could be included in a must-pass budget bill aimed at keeping the government funded over the coming months but debates were ongoing Tuesday in both chambers.

The money could fund a force of about 5,000 moderate Syrian fighters against the Islamic State, which grew out of the war against Syria's President Bashar Assad but broke away to build an Islamic "caliphate" in parts of the country and Iraq.

About 12,000 U.S.-backed Syrian fighters will be needed to push back the Islamic State and secure that country's border with Iraq—a force that is unlikely to be built "anytime soon," according to Dempsey.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said estimates have put the size of the Islamic State at about 31,000 and growing, though military planners remain uncertain about the number of fighters.

"For many of us, this seems like an inadequate force," McCain said.

The U.S.-backed rebels will also be fighting Assad, which will draw focus away from the Islamic State.

"You think these people you are training will only go back to fight against ISIL?" McCain asked. "That is a fundamental misunderstanding of the entire concept of the free Syrian Army."

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House GOP backs Syrian rebel training

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. lawmakers raced Monday to authorize an expanded mission to arm and train moderate Syrian rebels before heading back to the campaign trail, with House Republicans preparing legislation backing a central plank of President Barack Obama's strategy against the Islamic State group.

The Obama administration says the training operation is needed to establish credible, local ground forces to accompany U.S. airstrikes against the militants who have conquered large parts of Iraq and Syria, behelded two American journalists and become a top U.S. terrorism threat

in the region and beyond. The House and Senate are both on a tight schedule, looking to wrap up work Friday before an almost two-month recess in preparation for November's elections.

The authorization under consideration will likely be included as an amendment to a spending bill Congress must pass to keep the government open until mid-December. That would give lawmakers the opportunity to hold a separate debate and vote on the matter—something members of both parties want.

The measure doesn't authorize U.S. combat troops in Iraq or Syria or explicitly ban them, reflecting a congressional divide between hawks seeking tougher

action than that proposed by Obama and lawmakers weary from more than a decade of U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. It also compels the Pentagon to present Congress with a plan 15 days before any training begins, according to a House Armed Services Committee aide, who wasn't authorized to speak publicly about ongoing deliberations and demanded anonymity.

Democrats are reviewing the proposal, which would enable the military to take over what has previously been a limited, covert operation to beef up rebels battling extremist groups and President Bashar Assad's army.

A House vote could be held as early as Wednesday.

First strike made on Islamic State under new orders

Military: Offensive attack carried out in support of Iraqi forces near Baghdad

By NANCY A. YOUSSEF
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The United States bombed an Islamic State position southwest of Baghdad on Monday in what the U.S. Central Command said was the first airstrike undertaken under expanded rules of engagement President Barack Obama outlined in a speech last week.

The Central Command statement posted Monday night provided no details of the strike, but the area southwest of Baghdad is a Sunni Muslim stronghold where Islamic State forces have been active since June. The statement said the Islamic State forces were firing on Iraqi security forces.

CNN quoted an unnamed U.S. official saying the attack occurred only 22 miles southwest of the Iraqi capital near the Euphrates River.

"The airstrike southwest of Baghdad was the first strike taken as part of our expanded efforts beyond protecting our own people and humanitarian missions to hit ISIL targets as Iraqi forces go on offense, as outlined in the president's speech last Wednesday," the statement said, using the U.S. government's preferred acronym for the Islamic State.

It was not clear whether the Iraqi forces had undertaken an offensive against Islamic State forces in the area or had come under attack.

Until Monday's assault, U.S. airstrikes had been limited to protecting U.S. personnel and Iraqi infrastructure or assisting endangered Iraqi minorities. Previously, U.S. air power has been used to drop supplies to members of the Yazidi religious minority in northern Iraq, help Kurdish peshmarga militias capture the Mosul Dam from the Islamic State, break the siege of the city of Amerli where members of the Turkmen ethnic minority were trapped, and help Sunni tribes-

men and Iranian-trained Shiite militias recapture a village near the Haditha Dam.

Monday's airstrike, however, apparently was intended only to assist Iraqi government forces. It was the 162nd airstrike conducted since Obama authorized U.S. bombing missions Aug. 7, Central Command said.

In its statement, Central Command also announced that U.S. aircraft had "destroyed six ISIL vehicles near Sinjar," the city in northern Iraq whose capture by the Islamic State Aug. 3 drove tens of thousands of Yazidis into the desolate mountains nearby. The Central Command did not say what had prompted the airstrikes at Sinjar, which apparently took place Sunday; it did not link them to the new authority from Obama, however.

The presence of Islamic State forces southwest of the capital has been a concern since June after the extremist militants captured Iraq's second largest city, Mosul, in the country's north, then swept south before arriving almost at Baghdad. Military strategists worried that the Islamic State was endeavoring to encircle the capital and cut it off from Iraq's southern provinces, where Shiite Muslims are the majority.

Pentagon officials stressed Monday, however, that the capital was not in imminent danger.

The offensive strike south of Baghdad came as Pentagon planners continue to contemplate how to strike the Islamic State within Syria, where fighters control large swaths of the country but where the United States lacks an armed ally capable of taking advantage of U.S. airstrikes. Pentagon officials have said that they have yet to receive orders to undertake offensive actions in Syria, though White House officials told reporters before the president's speech that they expected that authorization eventually to be granted.

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GAO questions abortion premium charges

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A nonpartisan congressional agency is raising new questions about compliance with a key compromise on abortion that allowed the federal health care law to pass in 2010.

The Government Accountability Office said in a report released late Monday that only 1 of 18 insurers it reviewed was separately itemizing a charge for coverage of elective abortions on enrollees' bills.

That detail is important because the original compromise that President Barack Obama sealed with anti-abortion Democrats stipulated that no federal funds would be used to pay for elective abortions. Instead, private health plans covering the procedure would collect a separate premi-

um, which would be segregated from federal subsidies for other medical services.

Although abortion is a legal medical procedure, long-standing federal laws prohibit taxpayer funds from being used to pay for it, except in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother.

The new GAO review did not address the fundamental question of whether federal subsidies under the health law are being used for elective abortions, but abortion opponents said the findings underscore their view that the compromise is an accounting gimmick.

In a written response, the Health and Human Services Department said it "acknowledges that additional clarification may be needed" when it comes to the health law's provisions on abortions.

The report also found that some insurers

were unaware of a requirement in the law that they notify policyholders if they cover elective abortions. Abortion opponents have complained that it's very difficult for average consumers to determine whether or not their plan covers the procedure. Abortion supporters say they would also like clearer information.

Most health plans offered through employers routinely cover abortions. The health care law created new state insurance markets where people who don't have access to job-based coverage can buy a government-subsidized policy. The flow of taxpayer dollars to insurers in the new exchanges created another battleground for opponents and supporters of abortion.

The compromise on abortion allowed Obama to secure votes from a small group of Democratic lawmakers who traditional-

ly voted in favor of restrictions on abortion funding. Their support was critical in the face of overwhelming Republican opposition to the legislation.

The GAO report focused on 27 states, plus the District of Columbia that do not have laws restricting access to elective abortions in the new health insurance markets. Another 23 states restrict or bar coverage. The GAO found that 1,036 plans in those 27 states covered elective abortions, while 1,062 did not.

The 18 insurers that the agency reviewed accounted for nearly one-fourth of the plans that covered abortion. All but one of the insurers said the cost of providing abortion coverage averaged out to less than \$1 a month across their entire group of policyholders. In some cases it was as low as 10 cents a month.

Minn. outreach offers insights into extremist recruiting

By AMY FORLITI
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — When young men from Minneapolis began traveling to Somalia seven years ago to join a terrorist group in the midst of a civil war, investigators trying to stop the recruiting went straight to the city's large Somali community to build trust and gain understanding.

The nationwide effort to stop a new wave of Westerners being recruited, this time for the Islamic State militant group in Syria and Iraq, could take some cues from Minnesota. Attorney General Eric Holder said Monday the Justice Department is launching a series of pilot programs to help detect American extremists looking to join terrorist organizations in countries like Syria and Iraq.

Locations for the programs weren't announced and few details were released, but Holder said they would bring together religious leaders, prosecutors and community representatives. Such a program would be welcomed in Minnesota — where authori-

"It looks like the community is under siege and kids are being recruited day and night, and something has to be done immediately to stop this."

Omar Jamal
director, American Friends of Somalia

ties also are now investigating how a handful of people were recruited to travel to Syria and take up arms with militants. Several Somalis have been subpoenaed to testify before a federal grand jury — some back in June and others as recently as last week.

"It looks like the community is under siege and kids are being recruited day and night, and something has to be done immediately to stop this," said Omar Jamal, director of American Friends of Somalia. "They have to act very quickly. ... I'm afraid it's going to be too little, too late."

Authorities have confirmed that at least one Minnesota man has

died while fighting for the Islamic State, and some families fear their daughters have also gone overseas to take up the cause.

Officials in Minneapolis began

reaching out to at-risk communities years ago, after some local Somalis began traveling to their homeland to join the terrorist group al-Shabab, which is linked to al-Qaida. Since 2007, more than 22 young Somalis went from Minnesota to Somalia to fight.

Ralph Boelter, head of the Minneapolis FBI office when the travels to Somalia first came to light, said his efforts included lunches with community members, appearances on Somali radio programs, and making sure his office was engaged with groups from elders to youth.

The departures of young men

to Somalia seemed to slow, though al-Shabab's fading power in Somalia along with several high-profile prosecutions may have dissuaded some.

But Boelter said he thought the outreach made people more comfortable providing information.

"Things like, people who were going to travel — it certainly increased the opportunity or chance that we would learn about that before it happened," he said. "It gave us a lot more insight into what was happening, what people were talking about, what people were thinking about."

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Panel: Agency mishandled GM ignition switch recall

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government's auto safety agency should have discovered General Motors' faulty ignition switches seven years before the company recalled 2.6 million cars to fix the deadly problem, a House committee majority charged Tuesday in a new report.

The report by Republicans on the Energy and Commerce Committee raised serious questions about the agency's ability to keep the public safe as cars become more complex.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration misund-

erstood how vehicles worked, lacked accountability and failed to share information, according

to the report. "It is tragic that the evidence was staring NHTSA in the face and the agency didn't identify the warnings," Committee Chairman Fred Upton, R-Mich., said in a statement. "NHTSA exists not just to process what the company finds, but to dig deeper. They failed."

At least 19 people died in crashes caused by the faulty switches in GM small cars like the Chevrolet Cobalt and Saturn Ion. The company admits knowing about the problem for at least a decade, but it didn't recall the cars until February. The delays caused numerous crashes that resulted in deaths and injuries. Lawmakers have said they expect the death toll to rise to near 100.

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Trump Plaza is latest Atlantic City bust

By WAYNE PARRY
The Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Trump Plaza Hotel & Casino closed its doors early Tuesday, the fourth Atlantic City casino to go belly-up this year.

When it opened on May 14, 1984, Donald Trump called it the finest building in Atlantic City, and possibly the nation.

Since then, The Donald has left town and cut ties to its casinos. The Plaza, like many Atlantic City casinos, has seen better days.

A downward spiral that saw it ranked last among the city's casinos ended Tuesday morning as about a half-dozen gamblers who stayed to the end got up from the lone black-jack table in operation or from a few slot machines and walked out beneath the dozens of glittery chandeliers for the last time.

Dealer Ruth Hardrick worked at Trump Plaza for 26 of its 30 years, but is now without a job. She's in a large group. About 8,000 Atlantic City casino workers have lost their jobs this year, and 3,000 could join them if Trump Plaza's parent company makes good on its threat to shutter the Trump Taj Mahal Casino resort in November.



WAYNE PARRY/AP

The Trump Plaza Hotel Casino, shown in June, is the fourth Atlantic City casino to go out of business this year.

"What's the next step? Where do we go from here?" she asked. "It's happening all over. A lot of us are in the same boat. You think something will come along (to save the casino). And it didn't."

Atlantic City began the year with 12 casinos. It now has eight.

Unlike Revel, which opened just over two

years ago and was considered new and luxurious before closing, or the still-profitable Showboat, shuttered by its owner in the name of reducing competition for the remaining casinos in town, the demise of Trump Plaza could be seen a long way off.

Despite its prime location at the heart of the Boardwalk and the end of the Atlantic City Expressway (its motto had been "The Center Of It All"), gamblers have been abandoning Trump Plaza for newer, ritzier casinos for years. Its owners, Trump Entertainment Resorts, let it deteriorate in recent years, particularly after a sale for the bargain-basement price of \$20 million to a California firm fell through last year.

Jim Redmond, 60, from Montreal loves Atlantic City and regularly stayed at Trump Plaza. He said its decline was obvious over the last seven years.

"It did slip every year," he said. "This year they had no bedsprings and they totally gave up on the ice machines. This year the Plaza bar was closed and the 24 hour cafe closed at 2 p.m. The higher-end restaurants were closed."

"It was so sad to see it get a little worse every year. They really seemed to give up about five years ago."



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Fire approaches the shore of Bass Lake, Calif., on Sunday. Crews were attempting to get better access to two raging wildfires in California on Monday that have forced hundreds to evacuate their homes.

Raging wildfire engulfs homes in California town

The Associated Press

WEED, Calif. — Dan Linville and his son were sitting in their living room when they smelled smoke. When they looked outside, they saw a black cloud coming over the hills.

Ten minutes later, a wildfire driven by fierce winds raced through their neighborhood, missing them by three houses and torching a roof across the street.

Officials said the fast-moving fire caught residents off guard and damaged or destroyed 100 homes and a church in this tiny town near the Oregon border Monday. At least 1,500 people were forced to flee.

The Linvilles figure a quarter of the town burned.

"It's horrible," said Linville, 80. "I've got tears in my heart for all these people that I know who lost their homes."

This scenic town of nearly 3,000 near the base of Mount Shasta in the Cascade Mountains was under siege from a 350-acre blaze. The fire erupted south of Weed in the afternoon, and winds gusting up to 40 mph pushed it into and around town, where flames moved through a hillside neighborhood.

The town sawmill caught fire, and a Catholic church was destroyed.

Blowing embers started spot fires as much as a half-mile ahead of the fire front, and evacuations were called for about 1,500 to 2,000 people, said Allison Giannini, spokes-

woman for the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department.

The winds began to ease late in the day, and the fire's pace slowed. By dusk it was 15 percent contained, state fire spokeswoman Suzi Brady said.

"We stopped the forward spread of the fire," she said.

No deaths or injuries were reported. Brady said people were able to evacuate because they saw the fire on the hills.

By nightfall, some houses were burned to their foundation. The fire knocked out power to the area, and people were left wandering the town center with flashlights as the fire glowed up in the hills.



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Street gangs downplaying colors, tats

By DAVE COLLINS

The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Nearly gone are the gang days of the 1980s and '90s, when the Bloods wore head-to-toe red, the Crips wore blue and Latin Kings wore black and gold.

Gangs across the U.S. have toned down their use of colors and are even removing or altering tattoos to avoid being easily identified by police and witnesses, law enforcement officials say.

Today, the most you might see is part of a red handkerchief hanging out of a back pocket or a gold and black baseball cap, said John Michael O'Hare, a police sergeant in Hartford, who monitors gangs.

"Many of them don't wear colors. They tell us they're not in gangs," O'Hare said. "They're trying to avoid detection from law enforcement."

Gang members also don't want to stand out because they are committing more white-collar-type crimes, such as credit card and identity thefts, authorities say.

"If you want to go into Macys or Neiman Marcus and use a frequently obtained credit card and you have all these tattoos, it's more difficult," said William Dunn, a Los Angeles police detective and author of the 2007 book "The Gangs of Los Angeles."

Another impetus: laws passed in several states making it easier for police to target gangs.

In Connecticut, officials can use racketeering laws once reserved for the mob to go after gangs. In Los Angeles, court injunctions allow police to enforce nighttime curfews and arrest people for hanging out in public and wearing gang colors.



DAVE COLLINS/AP

A reputed member of the Los Solidos street gang shows his tattoos to police in Hartford, Conn. Despite the tattoos, gangs are shying away from wearing their colors in an effort to avoid being detected by authorities, police said.

"So we don't see so much wearing of the colors," Dunn said. "We don't see so much of the tattooing."

When it comes to going to prison, gang members also don't want to be identified because they'll be placed in more restrictive conditions for security reasons, officials say.

Wearing colors has long been a way for gang members to show solidarity, but the FBI says gang members are indeed shying away from

displaying identifiers. Often the only time colors and other identifiers are now displayed is at gang functions and funerals, according to the FBI's 2013 National Gang report.

While gangs are showing their colors less, they have given police another way to identify them — their use of Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites.

"Today they declare themselves gang members on the Internet," O'Hare said.

Burger King wants Hawaii needle suit dismissed

By JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER
The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Burger King wants to dismiss a lawsuit alleging there were needles in a sandwich after the former soldier who made the claim didn't attend a settlement conference.

Clark Bartholomew sued after he said he was injured in 2010 when he bit into a Triple Stackers from a Burger King on a Hawaii base. The former Army sergeant's lawsuit said one needle pierced his tongue and another was lodged in his small intestine.

The federal lawsuit was scheduled for trial last month after both sides failed to reach a settlement.

Grant Kidani, a Honolulu attorney representing Miami-based Burger King Corp., filed a motion Monday asking for a dismissal, a fine and attorney's fees after Bartholomew didn't attend a settlement conference last week in Honolulu.

Kidani's motion for sanctions said the judge required that a "representative with final settlement authority, other than an attorney of record, must personally attend the settlement conference." Bartholomew's attorneys informed the defendants the day before the hearing that he wouldn't attend because he had a job interview, Kidani's motion said.

Bartholomew has retired and lives in Chantilly, Va. Neither he nor his attorney could be reached for comment Monday.

"Without plaintiff Clark Bartholomew's attendance, the settlement conference proved worthless," Kidani's motion said, adding that his absence "wasted the time and resources of the defendants and their counsel, and, worst of all, those of the court."

U.S. District Magistrate Judge Richard Puglisi issued an order later Monday saying the motion will be decided without a hearing.

In May, U.S. District Judge J. Michael Seabright refused to grant the defense's motion to dismiss the lawsuit, which argued that Bartholomew can't sue because he suffered his injuries during the course of military service.

Tobacco growers brace for tougher competition

By TAMARA LUSH
AND MICHAEL FELDERBAUM
The Associated Press

DANVILLE, Va. — Starting next month, America's tobacco growers will be totally exposed to the laws of supply and demand.

The last buyout checks, totaling about \$916.5 million, go out in October to about 425,000 tobacco farmers and landowners. They're the last holdovers from a price-support and quota system that guaranteed minimum prices for most of the 20th century, sustaining a way of life that began 400 years ago in Virginia, when the leaf became the chief cash crop of the Jamestown colony.

Cigarette makers will have paid \$10 billion to compensate growers for surrendering their quotas. Growers got another \$5 billion from the companies as part of their 1998 settlement of state lawsuits over smoking-related health care costs.

When the checks are cashed, growers will be on their own, forced to find profits in a tremendously competitive global market. Those who remain in the business are thriving. Many are producing

more leaf than they have in years, and enjoying higher prices.

"I'm not in this for nostalgia purposes," said Steven Barts, a fourth-generation tobacco farmer in Chatham, Va. "The day we're not making money is the day we're not doing it."

Nearly 50 percent of some kinds of U.S. tobacco is exported to countries where consumption is declining less sharply. U.S. shipment volumes fell nearly 3 percent to 285 billion cigarettes last year, while global volumes fell slightly more than 1 percent to more than 5.71 trillion cigarettes, according to market researcher Euromonitor International.

"Without the export market we'd have a continually shrinking volume," Barts said.

Many growers took the money and got out, figuring that without guaranteed profits, there was little point in remaining in a dying industry. The number of tobacco farms dropped from 124,270 in 1992 to 16,234 during the last federal crop census in 2007.

The U.S. crop is still worth about \$1.5 billion, and production is stable, growing less than 2 percent over the past five years.



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A worker carries a load of picked tobacco leaves in Chatham, Va. Next month, American tobacco farmers and landowners will see the end of a longstanding price support and quota system.

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WORLD

Ukraine ratifies EU ties and OKs rebel autonomy

By LAURA MILLS
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's parliament ratified an agreement to deepen economic and political ties with the European Union on Tuesday and passed legislation to grant autonomy to the rebellious east as part of a peace deal.

The ratification vote, synchronized with the European parliament by video chat, draws a line under the issue that last year sparked Ukraine's crisis, which resulted in the ousting of the president, the annexation of Crimea by Russia and a war with the Russia-backed separatists that has killed more than 3,000 people.

The ratification vote in Kiev was met with a standing ovation, and members of parliament leapt to their feet to sing the Ukrainian national anthem. In a speech to legislators, President Petro Poroshenko called the vote a "first but very decisive step" toward bringing Ukraine fully into the European Union.

Poroshenko also said that those who died during the protests and during fighting in the east "gave up their lives so that we could take a dignified place among the European family."

"Since World War II, not a single nation has paid such a high price for their right to be European," he said.

In stark contrast to that fanfare, parliament went behind closed doors earlier in the day to approve two bills granting greater autonomy to rebellious regions

in the east, as well as amnesty for many of those involved in the fighting. The bills are part of a tenuous peace process that saw a cease-fire called on Sept. 5, which has been repeatedly violated and criticized by many in Ukraine.

On Tuesday, the city council in Donetsk said three people were killed and five were wounded in shelling overnight. Col. Andriy Ly-senko, a spokesman for Ukraine's national security council, said three Ukrainian servicemen were killed over the past day. Clashes continue in the area around the airport in Donetsk, the largest city under rebel control.

The legislation on autonomy falls short of the eastern rebels' aim for complete independence, but rebel leader Alexander Zakharenko told Russia's RIA Novosti news agency that the rebel leadership would study the measures.

The EU association agreement was long sought by Ukrainians who want their country to turn westward and out of Russia's sphere of influence. After then-President Viktor Yanukovich shelved the deal last year, protests broke out that eventually spiraled into violence and led to Yanukovich fleeing the country.

In the wake of that, Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimea peninsula and a pro-Russia rebellion broke out in eastern Ukraine.

Ukrainian forces in April launched a military operation to put down the rebellion, which it claims gets substantial support including troops and equipment from Russia.



ALTAR QADRI/AP

A car is partially submerged in an inundated neighborhood of Srinagar in Indian-controlled Kashmir on Monday. Flooding from days of heavy monsoon rains partially submerged Srinagar and left more than 400 people dead in northern Pakistan and India.

Kashmir flooding poses crisis

By ALIAZ HUSSAIN
AND KATY DAIGLE
The Associated Press

SRINAGAR, India — Health workers were scrambling Tuesday to manage a mounting health crisis nearly two weeks after massive flooding engulfed much of Kashmir, where they are treating cases of diarrhea, skin allergies and fungus as they hope the stagnant waters do not create conditions for more serious disease outbreaks.

Countless bloated livestock carcasses were floating across the waterlogged Himalayan region. Many residents, warned to avoid the floodwaters, were rationing water bottles brought by aid workers every few days.

"The chance of cholera, jaundice and leptospirosis spreading are high," said Dr. Swati Jha, with the aid group Americares. "The most essential need right now is that of clean water."

The scale of the disaster — described as an "unprecedented

catastrophe" by the region's top elected official — has stunned many in India, with newspapers running daily front-page aerial photos of isolated rooftops framed by mud-brown waters.

Most hospitals have been inundated, their diagnostic equipment, CT scanners, operation theaters and ventilators destroyed.

"With our health infrastructure lost, any disease can be catastrophic now," said critical care specialist Dr. Javaid Naqashbandi while scribbling out a prescription for treatment of stomach illness on the patient's hand. "You don't need any plague for mass deaths."

The Himalayan region of Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan, while being claimed by both. And both sides have seen extreme devastation, with tens of thousands of families losing all their possessions.

In Indian Kashmir, more than 200 people were killed and another 287,000 were evacuated after homes, shops and other buildings

filled to their rooftops almost two weeks ago.

On the Pakistani side of the border, where flooding hit more than 3,000 villages in both the Kashmir and Punjab regions, at least 328 people have died and 505,254 have been rescued.

New flooding overnight inundated even more villages in eastern Punjab province of Pakistan, and the floodwaters were moving toward the southern Sindh province.

"The rescue and relief efforts are continuing and in full swing," the country's National Disaster Management Authority said in a statement, assuring that food, tents and blankets were being distributed.

But many flood victims complained they were still waiting for help. Pakistani news channels showed images Tuesday of police swinging batons as hundreds of flood-affected people attacked trucks and snatched food in the Jhang district of Punjab.

New Zealand boat crew pulls in a second colossal squid



COURTESY OF THE SAN ASPIRING CREW/AP

Capt. John Bennett shows a colossal squid he and his crew of the boat the San Aspiring, of New Zealand, caught Antarctica's remote Ross Sea in December 2013. Bennett and his crew have now caught two of the giant sea creatures.

The Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — It was a calm morning in Antarctica's remote Ross Sea, during the season when the sun never sets, when Capt. John Bennett and his crew hauled up a creature with tentacles like fire hoses and eyes like dinner plates from a mile below the surface.

A colossal squid: 770 pounds, as long as a minibus and one of the sea's most elusive species. It had been frozen for eight months until Tuesday, when scientists in New Zealand got a long-anticipated chance to thaw out the animal and inspect it — once they used a forklift to maneuver it into a tank.

The squid is a female, and its eight arms are each well over 3.3 feet long. Its two tentacles would have been perhaps double

that length if they had not been damaged.

Kat Bolstad, a squid scientist from the Auckland University of Technology who was leading a team examining the creature, described it as "very big, very beautiful."

"This is essentially an intact specimen, which is almost an unparalleled opportunity for us to examine," she said. "This is a spectacular opportunity."

Many people around the world agreed. About 142,000 people from 180 countries watched streaming footage of the squid examination on the Internet.

Colossal squid sometimes inhabit the world of fiction and imagination, but have rarely been seen in daylight. Bennett and his crew on the San Aspiring toothfish boat have caught two of them. Their first, hauled in seven

years ago, is on display in New Zealand's national museum, Te Papa.

Susan Waugh, a senior curator at Te Papa, said scientists hope to find out more about where the creature fits in the food chain, how much genetic variation there is among different squid types, and basic facts about how the colossal squid lives and dies.

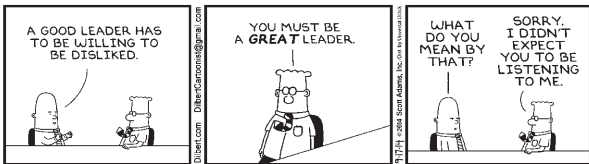
Bolstad said it's possible that ancient sightings of the species gave rise to tales of the kraken, or giant sea-monster squid. She said sperm whales often eat colossal squid and are known to play with their food, and sailors may have mistaken them for epic battles.

"On the other hand, we don't really know what the grogrations were like at that time at sea, either," she said. "So it may be that we've got a bit of a fisherman's story going on there, too."

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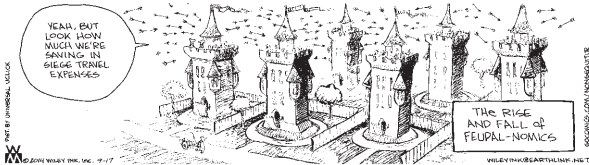
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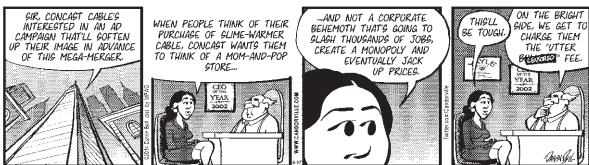
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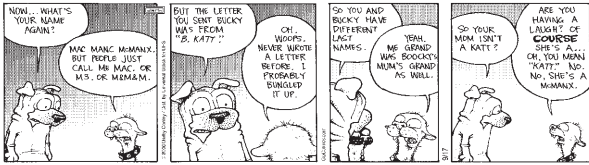
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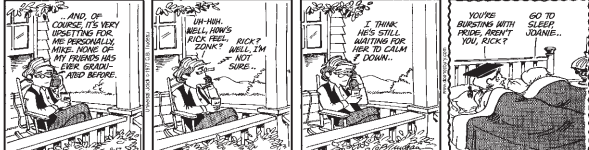
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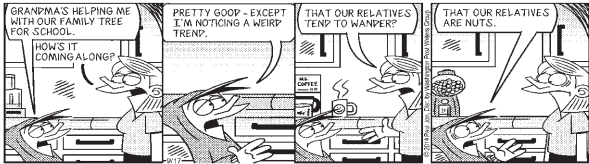
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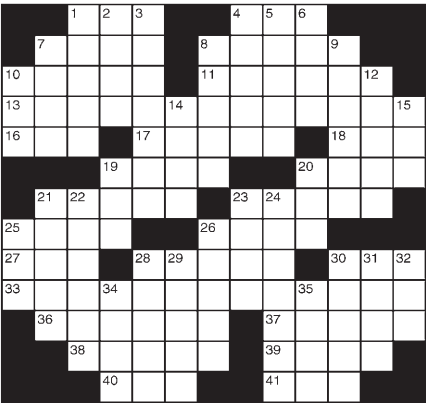
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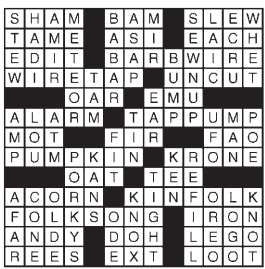
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WHERE FARMING IS HIP

PHOTOS BY STEVEN SENNE/AP

Top: Farmer Ben Torpey, of Greene, R.I., loads a crate of zephyr squash into a truck at Scratch Farm. Above: Farmer Fay Strongin, 26, of Providence, R.I., left, samples a carrot, while Sarah Turkus, 26, also of Providence, removes unwanted plants at Sidewalk Ends Farm in Seekonk, Mass. Right: Farmer Katie Miller, 32, of Providence, harvests zephyr squash at Scratch Farm in Cranston, R.I.

Increasingly, New England's young find fulfillment in agrarian life

By JENNIFER McDERMOTT
The Associated Press

CRANSTON, R.I.

Farming is hip in New England. Across the region, young people are choosing crops over cubicles, new farms are popping up and the local food movement is spreading.

Farmers and industry experts agree New England is bucking a trend toward larger, but fewer, farms because many of its residents want to buy their food locally and its entrepreneurs want to produce it. The region's small size makes it easy for farmers and consumers to connect at farm markets and stands.

Many of these new farmers are young people increasingly interested in the origins of their food and farming and eager to take over for the nation's aging farmers.

"The more I scratched the surface on what was going on with the food system, the more I felt a

compulsion to act," said Bill Braun, 32, who runs the Ivory Silo farm in Massachusetts. He is not using his graduate degree in philosophy because, he said, he felt an urgent need to grow his own food and reconnect with nature.

He was among a group of farmers and future farmers, mostly in their 20s and 30s, who recently talked about seed collecting as they meandered through rows of vegetables at Scratch Farm's "Young Farmer Night" in Cranston.

There is something empowering, Braun said, about making a statement by farming a small plot of land. He worries about the environmental impacts and other problems stemming from industrial agriculture.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's recent census found 95,000 fewer farms nationally in 2012 than in 2007. But New England saw a 5 percent increase, to nearly 35,000 farms, many less than 50 acres.

The number of beginning farmers also climbed

in New England. The small but densely populated region is the "perfect place" for farmers to respond to the growing interest in local foods, said Ginger Harris, a USDA statistician.

The National Young Farmers Coalition wants to ensure farming's revival is not fleeting. The New York-based group is lobbying for policy changes to help beginning farmers get capital and find affordable land.

Cameron Faustman, an associate dean at the University of Connecticut's agriculture college, said students see job opportunities. Less than 2 percent of the students come from working farms.

At Young Farmer Night, Emily Cotter, 22, an agriculture student and farm hand in Rhode Island, said she, like many of her peers, has found farming to be an intellectual, physically demanding, fulfilling job.

"I think it's cool, too," she said. "But that's because I'm a farmer."

WIRED WORLD

The end of email?

Startup aims to free employees from 'soul-sucking work'

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Dustin Moskovitz is plotting an escape from email.

The 30-year-old entrepreneur has learned a lot about communication since he teamed up with his college roommate, Mark Zuckerberg, to create Facebook a decade ago, and that knowledge is fueling an audacious attempt to change the way people connect at work, where the incessant drumbeat of email has become an excruciating annoyance.

Moskovitz is trying to turn that chronic headache into an afterthought with Asana, a San Francisco startup he runs with former Facebook and Google product manager Justin Rosenstein.

Asana peddles software that combines the elements of a communal notebook, a social network, an instant messaging application and an online calendar to enable teams of employees to share information and to do most of their jobs without relying on email.

"We are trying to make all the soul-sucking work that comes with email go away," Rosenstein said as Moskovitz nodded sitting across from him in a former brewery that serves as Asana's headquarters. "This came out of a deep, heartfelt pain that Dustin and I were experiencing, along with just about everyone around us."

The misery keeps mounting in the corporate world, which remains an email haven. This year, each worker using a business email account will send and receive a daily average of 121 mail messages, a 15 percent increase from 105 per day in 2011, according to The Radicati Group, which tracks email usage.

In contrast, consumers have been weaning themselves from electronic inboxes and increasingly turning to digital alternatives

such as Facebook, Twitter and mobile messaging.

More email translates to less productivity as workers spend more time weeding their inboxes and puzzling over convoluted exchanges among a hodgepodge of colleagues and managers scattered in various offices — or sometimes just a cubicles away. To exacerbate matters, vital pieces of business information are often correlated in a worker's inbox instead of in a database that can be searched by anyone working on the same project.

If companies set up communications channels that worked more like social networks, the amount of time workers could devote to other things would increase by about 8 percent each week, according to estimates from a study by the McKinsey Global Institute. Another 6 percent of the workweek would be freed up if the shift away from email could unlock more of the so-called "dark matter" hidden in individual inboxes, McKinsey estimates.

These are the problems Asana is trying to solve. Its bare-bones system, free to use for teams of up to 15 workers, is set up so information can be easily seen by anyone authorized by the company. Asana hopes to make money by selling subscriptions to more sophisticated versions of its software that can accommodate larger groups of workers.

Moskovitz began working on what would turn into an early prototype for Asana while he was still at Facebook in late 2007. He had become frustrated with email's shortcomings and set out to build a better alternative for managing Facebook's projects. Before long, he was spending all his time figuring out how to escape email

instead of managing

Facebook's engineers.

"A lot of people thought I was crazy, but from my perspective, it was clearly the smartest thing that I could do to make (Facebook) better," Moskovitz said.

He finally decided to exit Facebook in late 2008 to start Asana, leaving behind a prototype that Facebook still relies on to manage its projects instead of email.

Moskovitz remains one of Facebook's major shareholders, with stock worth about \$7 billion, affording him the luxury to gamble on a startup that may be fighting a Sisyphean battle.

"I am not sure what anyone thinks they will be accomplishing by getting rid of email," said Sara Radicati, editor of the Radicati Group. "If we didn't have email, people would be spending all their time on the phone and other channels of communication. Is that really any better?"

While the Radicati Group foresees consumer email usage continuing to wane during the next four years, the firm predicts the volume of business email will rise another 16 percent by 2018 to an average of 140 daily emails sent and received by each user.

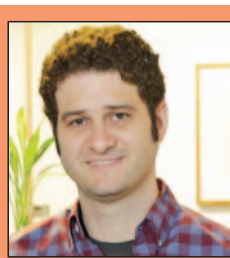
"Email can't be killed completely because it's the lowest common denominator in business," said Stewart Butterfield, who has been trying to sell companies on the merits of another alternative form of corporate communication called Slack. Like Moskovitz, Butterfield is better known for his involvement at another popular technology service: he co-founded Flickr, a photo-sharing site bought by Yahoo Inc. nine years ago.

Without providing specifics, Asana says millions of workers are using its system, primarily the free version. In many cases, Asana customers say they have reduced email usage by as much as 80 percent, according to Rosenstein.

"We are really reaching peak email," Rosenstein said. "Our customers keep asking: 'Can you replace more and more of my email?'" Rapidly growing startups such as Airbnb, Uber, Pinterest and Dropbox embraced Asana's task-management system early in their corporate lives in hopes of avoiding email addiction as they mature.

Asana isn't alone in its quest to eradicate email. Other online services, built especially for business purposes by companies such as Jive Software and Microsoft's Yammer, are on a similar mission.

Despite these efforts, email remains pervasive. For instance, Pinterest product manager Michael Yamartino said he still sifts through 200



PHOTOS BY ERIC RISBERG/AP

Dustin Moskovitz, top, who helped former college roommate Mark Zuckerberg start Facebook, and Justin Rosenstein, a former product manager for Facebook and Google, are the co-founders of Asana, which peddles software that enables teams of employees to share information and do most of their jobs without relying on email.

to 300 emails each day, with 70 percent of the traffic coming from co-workers. Even after internal meetings, Pinterest still relies on mass emails to let everyone know what is going on.

"Asana is better for tracking tasks, but email still has an important place," Yamartino said.

Two of Asana's own employees, Emily Kramer and Jim Renaud, wanted to prove it's possible to survive without email, so they vowed to avoid checking their company and personal inboxes for all of April.

It was the longest stretch that Kramer, 30, had gone without checking her email since she was in the sixth grade, when she opened her first account on AOL. Renaud, 39, hadn't lived without email since he enrolled in college 20 years ago.

Kramer stayed out of her email, even though she kept fretting about what she might miss at work and had to deal with complaints from friends about the inconvenience of finding other ways to keep her in the loop about a bachelorette party they were planning. She also found herself dealing with lengthier mobile messages that read like email.

"A co-worker had told me, 'I think it would be easier to go without oxygen than email,'" Kramer said. "I definitely don't think that's true any longer."

Renaud didn't avoid email the entire month.

Once, he needed to go into his Asana account to check on an issue affecting the company's customers.

On another day, Renaud couldn't resist opening his personal email to retrieve a \$100 rebate on some tires that he bought for his car. When he clicked on an email link confirming the rebate, he was informed it would take six to eight weeks to get his money.

"I have learned that I don't need to check my email all the time," Renaud said.



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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

No new league security despite attack, gunfire

KS WICHITA — A youth football league does not plan to add extra security for weekend games in the wake of an attack on a coach and gunfire at a practice.

The Wichita Eagle reported that on Sept. 8, a woman upset that her son was not allowed to play in a season opener for a different team confronted the coach for a rival team, thinking he was responsible for her son not playing. The woman left after a heated argument, but a group of five to six men showed up at the park about 20 minutes after police who had come to document the incident left.

The men attacked the coach, 37, and police said one man lifted his shirt to display a handgun tucked into his pants before the beating began. The beating stopped after the coach's wife pulled out a gun and fired a shot in the air.

Man allegedly cooks dog, feeds it to owner

CA REDDING — A Northern California man has been arrested after his ex-girlfriend said he cooked her dog and fed it to her.

Ryan Watenpaugh, of Palo Cedro, was arrested Thursday.

Watenpaugh's ex told police he had repeatedly struck her while they were dating and that after one assault, she left her Redding apartment and returned to find her Pomeranian, Bear, missing.

Police said the couple briefly reconciled two weeks ago, and Watenpaugh cooked the woman a meal. But she told police he later texted her and asked how her dog had tasted. Last Tuesday, Watenpaugh allegedly left two of the dog's paws outside her door.

Police said Watenpaugh has denied killing or cooking the dog.

World's tallest dog, a Great Dane, dies at 5

MI OTSEGO — A Great Dane from Michigan that held the title of world's tallest dog has died at age 5.

Owner Kevin Doorlag told the Kalamazoo Gazette that Zeus made his debut in the 2012 edition of Guinness World Records as the tallest living dog. Zeus was 44 inches tall at the shoulder and 7 feet, 4 inches on his hind legs.

He died from old age, just two months shy of his 6th birthday, according to Doorlag.

Zeus weighed 165 pounds and ate a 30-pound bag of food every two weeks, the Battle Creek Enquirer reported.

2 thieves threaten store staff with metal tool

WA SEATTLE — Police said in Seattle said two women who stole bags of clothes from a downtown Niketown store made their getaway by threatening staffers with a metal foot-measuring tool.

In a statement, police said store staffers grew suspicious when they watched the women stuffing clothing and other items into shopping bags. One employee



BRUCE LIPSKY, (JACKSONVILLE) FLORIDA TIMES-UNION/AP

Dancing with the jellyfish

Isaiah Hart, 3, plays peek-a-boo with his sister, Nahla Hart, through the Jenny K. Hager sculpture "Dance of the Jellyfish" at Main Street Park in Jacksonville, Fla., on Sunday. Sculpture Walk Jax opened with the Connection Festival over the weekend. There are 13 sculptures in the park and three more downtown.

called 911, but one of the thieves grabbed the hefty measuring device from the store's shoe section and brandished it at the workers gathered around the exit.

She and her companion got out the door and took off in a white Ford Escape.

2 arrested in fatal shooting over PS4

GA SANDY SPRINGS — Police said two arrests have been made in the death of a

man who was looking to sell his video game system on Craigslist.

Sandy Springs police Sgt. Ron Momon told local media that Daniel John Zeitz, 28, of Roswell, was selling his PS4 game system and met the purported buyers in a parking lot Friday night.

Momon alleged that Nathaniel Vivian, 20, and a girl, 16, tried robbing Zeitz while the girl's 16-month-old baby sat in the back-seat of their vehicle.

Momon said a fight erupted over the system, and the girl eventually fired a gun. Authorities said

the bullet traveled through Vivian's hand and into Zeitz's chest.

Fulton County jail records show Vivian is charged with murder.

Bear attack in forest kills Utah man, 31

WY RIVERTON — A Utah man was killed in a bear attack in the Bridger-Teton National Forest in central Wyoming.

Officials aren't certain yet what type of bear killed Adam Thomas

THE CENSUS

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The number of students held in detention in the last two weeks by a Staten

Island, N.Y., school that has adopted a strict dress code. A city Department of Education spokeswoman told the New York Post the new "Dress for Success" policy at Tottenville High School was a "local decision" made "at the discretion of the principal." Ninety percent of the detained students have been girls. The code covers everything from tank tops and short shorts to hoodies and sunglasses.

Stewart, 31, of Virgin, Utah.

Fremont County Undersheriff Ryan Lee said Stewart was in a remote area checking on a research plot earlier this month.

He failed to return, prompting a search that began on Sept. 8. His body was found Friday between his campsite and the research plot. Lee declined to release details as to why authorities believe it was a bear attack.

2 costumed characters, a third man arrested

NY NEW YORK — Two costumed characters in Times Square and another man were arrested after police say they got into a fist fight. Police said all three were charged with misdemeanor assault.

It happened around 9 p.m. Saturday. Police said the dispute started when the man began heckling the costumed characters, dressed as Batman and Spider-Man.

The arrests came amid calls to regulate the costumed characters, who rely on tips to make money. City Council member Andy King last week proposed legislation requiring the characters to be licensed and to wear photo IDs.

Man stricken by truck sets himself on fire

OH OBERLIN — Authorities said a man stepped in front of a passing truck on a northeast Ohio highway, was struck, then somehow managed to retrieve a container of gasoline, swallowed some and set himself on fire as three young children sat in his car.

In a video posted online by "The Chronicle-Telegram in Elyria, State Highway Patrol Lt. Travis Hughes said a passing motorist stopped and extinguished the blaze. The man was struck about 10:30 a.m. Monday on U.S. 20 in Oberlin.

Hughes did not provide the name of the man but said the car he was driving had Rhode Island plates. The man was flown to a Cleveland hospital, but his condition wasn't available.

The children in the car weren't hurt.

From wire reports

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U2 back on iTunes chart — 26 times



Courtesy of Interscope Records

'Songs of Innocence' rollout spurs interest in band's catalog

By RANDY LEWIS
Los Angeles Times

U2's invasion of iTunes libraries with the group's new album "Songs of Innocence" might not have put the Irish band back on top of the sales chart, but that doesn't mean the impact of last week's stunt can't be seen.

In the wake of the free — and uninvited — distribution of the album to 500 million iTunes shoppers and iPhone users last week, music fans have been hungrily revisiting the group's catalog, and as of Monday, 11 of its albums were back in the iTunes' top albums rankings.

That's almost a week later. Within two days, 17 albums had returned to the digital store's Top 100. At the peak, 26 U2 collections were on the chart. None of the group's albums were in the Top 100 one day before Apple's latest product and content unveiling in Cupertino, Calif.

The favorite?

Fan fave
"The Joshua Tree" (Remastered)" (1987), which was No. 19 Monday.

"The Joshua Tree" (Remastered)," which as of Monday was still in the Top 20, at No. 19, followed by "U218 Singles" at No. 32, "Achtung Baby (Remastered)" (No. 41), "U218 Singles (Deluxe)" (No. 42) and "War (Remastered)" (No. 50).

The remainder inside the Top 100: "Rattle and Hum" (No. 57), "The Unforgettable Fire (Remastered)" (No. 62), "All That You Can't Leave Behind" (No. 72), "Under a Blood Red Sky (Live)" (No. 85), "Boy (Remastered)" (No. 87) and "The Best of 1980-1990" (No. 89).

U2 just missed reaching an even dozen with "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb," which was residing at No. 101 on Monday.

Because it was given away, "Songs of Innocence" does not qualify for the Billboard Top 200 albums chart. It will become eligible once the album goes on sale for physical purchase on Oct. 14.

Apple: Album accessed by 33 million users

Apple Inc. says 33 million iTunes account holders have accessed U2's free album.

The company issued a statement Monday from Senior Vice President Eddy Cue with the first usage numbers for the surprise "Songs of Innocence" release by the company.

Cue called the number record-breaking, but did not elaborate. The figure includes customers who downloaded the album from their iCloud account, streamed it or used iTunes' radio player to hear it. Apple paid the Irish rock band for a five-week exclusive window during which the album is only available to its customers.

From The Associated Press



"Songs of Innocence"

Tool released to help remove free album

Some iPhone users are not happy that "Songs of Innocence" was automatically added to their iTunes music library. In response, Apple has released a special tool that lets people remove the album from their collections.

U2 played at an Apple event last week that included the unveiling of the iPhone maker's new smartwatch and updated iPhone models. In a surprise move, the Irish rock band performed at the event and put out its 11-song release.

Apple CEO Tim Cook announced that the new album would be given to the company's 500 million iTunes users, and it showed up in their libraries.

Some iTunes users took to Twitter to complain and ask how to remove it. While it was already possible to delete the album, Apple's tool makes it possible in one step.

Online:

Tool to remove the U2 album:

<http://bit.ly/1pgSHH6>

Apple's "how to" guide to deleting the album:

<http://bit.ly/1uDS46n>

From The Associated Press

CBS: Rihanna out of NFL telecast

CBS and Rihanna are splitting up after more fallout from the Ray Rice incident.

The network said Tuesday it was permanently editing a song featuring Rihanna's voice out of its Thursday night NFL telecasts — after the singer issued a profane tweet about it.

A portion of Jay-Z's "Run 'Til We Get Back" featuring Rihanna was cut from last Thursday's game because CBS was covering the controversy over Rice's assault of his then-



Rihanna

fiancée. CBS planned to use the song Thursday and for the rest of the season, but Rihanna tweeted, "CBS you pulled my song last week, now you wanna slide it back in this Thursday? ... Y'all are sad for penalizing me for this."

CBS issued a statement saying that it was "moving in a different direction" with different theme music.

Rapper Gucci Mane sentenced in assault

Prosecutors say rapper Gucci Mane has pleaded guilty to aggravated assault for attacking a fan at an Atlanta nightclub.

Fulton County District Attorney's spokeswoman Yvette Jones says the 34-year-old rapper, whose real name is Radric Davis, pleaded guilty Monday to hitting a man in the head with a vodka bottle on March 16, 2013, in a nightclub's VIP section.

Authorities have said the man approached Davis and was looking to have his picture taken with him. Prosecutors say the fan was an Army staff sergeant in town on a brief military leave. Authorities have said the man suffered a deep cut that required 10 stitches.

Jones says Davis' three-year sentence will be served concurrently with a 39-month federal firearms sentence that he was given in late August.

Police: Protocol followed with actress

Police said Monday they followed proper protocol when they demanded identification from an actress and her boyfriend while investigating an emergency call alleging lewd conduct in a parked car.

Danielle Watts, who appeared in "Django Unchained," says she was unjustly handcuffed and detained Thursday after refusing to provide identification and walking away from officers responding to a report of lewd conduct in a car along Ventura Boulevard in Studio City, Calif.

Watts said in an interview Monday that she and her boyfriend, Brian Lucas, were kissing in the car and fully clothed, with nothing improper going on.

Los Angeles police Lt. Andrew Neiman said citizens are required to identify themselves if requested to do so by an officer who has reason to believe an offense may have been committed.

From The Associated Press

Kiss raises \$1M for Ore. military museum

Kiss shed the makeup and pulled out acoustic guitars to raise money for the renovation of the Oregon Military Museum.

The Oregonian reports the \$2,500-a-ticket gala Sunday night in Lake Oswego raised more than \$1 million.

The museum is named for the father of guitarist Tommy Thayer. He is Brig. Gen. James B. Thayer, 93, a World War II hero.

From The Associated Press



AP

Clooney to receive DeMille award

The Associated Press

George Clooney is sure to take home a trophy at next year's Golden Globe Awards.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association announced Monday that the 53-year-old entertainer and activist will receive the Cecil B. DeMille Award at the ceremony on Jan. 11, 2015.

The award is presented annually to an individual who's made "an incredible impact on the world of

entertainment."

Association president Theo Kingma cited Clooney's achievements on both sides of the camera and his humanitarian efforts around the world.

Clooney has won two Oscars and four Golden Globes. He's also been recognized for his efforts to bring attention to atrocities in Darfur and for producing the "Help Haiti Now" telethon to raise money after the devastating earthquake there in 2010.

'Minecraft' a mobile plus for Microsoft

Then again, a big hit was not what co-founder Markus "Notch" Persson was after when he created the game, according to a blog post Monday from Mojang and a note from Persson himself on his

"Minecraft" is an "open world" game in gamer lingo, meaning it has no plot or outlined objectives. Players can explore and create virtual worlds built from blocky

Microsoft, which released the first Xbox in 2001, also owns the blockbuster "Halo" video game franchise. Unlike "Halo," though, "Minecraft" is especially popular with younger gamers whose parents might not be comfortable

"Change is scary, and this is a big change for all of us. It's going to be good though. Everything is going to be OK," Owen Hill, Mojang's "chief word officer," wrote in a blog post Monday.

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30-year bond	3.34

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OPINION

Caste system apparent on US flights

By STEVEN CONN

There's an old "Seinfeld" episode where Jerry and Elaine are about to board a plane and the gate attendant tells them she can bump one of them into first class. Jerry immediately takes the offer, explaining to Elaine that he's flown in first class before — she hasn't — so he knows what he would be missing. Sure enough, Jerry spends the flight sipping champagne with a supermodel while Elaine sits in a middle seat squeezed between two fat guys who fall asleep on her.

Nowadays, that episode is less comedy and more documentary. I thought about Jerry and Elaine when I heard about the Great Reclining Seat Wars that have broken out over American skies. The war has pitted those who want to recline their airplane seats against those who have purchased a nifty device called the "Knee Defender," which effectively blocks the person in front of you from relaxing into your lap.

Fights have broken out over the Knee Defender and beverages have been tossed in anger. Flights have even been diverted because reclining passengers and their nonreclining antagonists couldn't share space in peace.

Like that "Seinfeld" episode, this is all pretty funny until you start to think about it some more. Then it isn't.

Anyone who has flown a U.S. carrier on a domestic flight knows that the experience has become increasingly awful. Shabby planes, miserly service and of course less and less space. Only toddlers, who on American flights must put full-face, have enough room to sit. The experience is even more infuriating if you compare it with

The leg-room at the front of the plane has come at the expense of the rest of us, and in two directions.

flying on a European airline. The difference between flying Lufthansa or LOT vs. United or US Airways is like the difference between eating prosciutto and Spam.

But life for those in the front of the plane has gotten ever more luxurious, even while those of us in steerage class have been defending our knees and throwing drinks at each other. Business and first-class flying has become more and more an extension of the concierge economy of the 1 percent, only with wings. Food, drink, their own wait-staff, exclusive bathrooms, and even expedited security — because terrorists only fly coach, apparently. Meanwhile, I fully expect airlines to install coin-operated toilets soon for those of us in the back of the air-bus.

Surely, though, those people up front deserve all those perks, right? They paid for these tickets and the first rule of economics is: You get what you pay for.

Here's where it gets more maddening, however. Some number of those fliers up front are flying on business. Their companies are paying for those flights. Those companies, in turn, get to deduct travel expenses from their taxes. That's right: first-class, publicly subsidized.

That's why these outbursts of anger on recent flights perfectly encapsulate our culture of economic inequality. The leg-room at the front of the plane has come at

the expense of the rest of us, and in two directions. First, since the planes themselves haven't changed dimensions, the redesigned plushness for the flying 1 percent has been created by squeezing the knees of the rest of us. And second, when corporations write off this travel on their taxes, the rest of us get stiffed.

Yet, in scenes that Karl Marx would have enjoyed, the flying proletariat have turned on each other, fighting over what few inches of space and what few ounces of our dignity remain. And while we skirmish over personal space, the folks in the single-digit rows stretch their legs out a bit more.

I'd like to propose a truce between the knee defenders and the knee bangers. You're both right. It is more comfortable to recline that seat and it provides a modicum of relaxation. It is also rude to the person behind you, physically uncomfortable and even claustrophobic. I don't need to get any closer to you than I already am.

Instead, let's channel that anger toward the airlines themselves. They created the Big Squeeze. They put pampering the few above providing the rest of us with a handful of pretzels.

Every so often you hear about a local judge sentencing a slumlord who has broken some law to a month living in one of his own rat-infested firetraps. Let's have Congress do something similar. For one month every year, U.S. airline executives should be forced to fly with the rest of us. In the back row by the bathroom. In that middle seat between the two dozing fat guys.

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Those who mock 'iSheep' are also in a flock

By DAVID GLANCE

The reputation of Apple's fans is as well known as Apple's products. These are the people who line up outside Apple stores, just to be first to own the latest iPhone. When they are not in line, they scour the Internet for articles that affirm their belief in Apple's products, reacting swiftly to articles and comments from those who don't share their view. Principally anyone who uses a different phone.

These are among the most loyal customers of any brand and are often insultingly referred to as "iSheep" for their seemingly unquestioning following of Apple. In fact, in a survey earlier this year, 78 percent of iPhone users "couldn't imagine having a different type of phone."

Rival phone maker Samsung has lost no time in parodying Apple customers as iSheep. It started its campaign with a now famous 2012 video ad that highlighted the average Apple fan as shallow and largely ignorant of what they were actually buying. Apple fans were depicted as buying the iPhone 5 were shown to be willing to forgo functionality because it would certainly be in next year's version if it wasn't in this particular model.

The irony here of course is that wherever Apple goes, Samsung is usually right there alongside, including having its own version of the unquestioning fan. While Apple scores highly on the all-important measure of brand retention, Samsung is actually not that far behind. Seventy-six percent of Apple customers will replace their current iPhone only with another iPhone, while 58 percent of Samsung's do the same. Samsung is attracting customers from other brands, though,

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with 34 percent of all migrating customers. No other phone company comes close to the two leaders.

Setting aside the fact that although the campaign of an Apple (or Samsung) fan may have some elements of truth to it, we are still talking about a continuum of interest. Only a small number of consumers actually spend their time in lines waiting for the first iPhone or attacking Android users in comment streams.

What makes someone identify with a brand so strongly as to show this type of behavior at all? Not surprisingly, this question has been an area of extensive research, which has covered three different aspects of the phenomenon, although what has become clear is that the interaction of different factors makes determining the exact relationship of these drivers complicated to unravel.

The first driver behind why we buy a particular product is self-identity. We buy products that have an aesthetic appeal for example, because it helps build our sense of self. Apple in particular has done a very good job of creating a brand that allows its customers to identify with those who "think different." Even though Apple is now a market leader and buying an iPhone is the equivalent of buying a PC in the days of Apple's think-different advertising campaign, there are still vestiges of this that can be associated with a person's sense of

self.

The second driver behind our relationship with a product has to do with the actual product and company itself. This is influenced by factors such as the perceived value of the product, the level of service that came with the purchase and after and the overall level of trust placed in both the product and the company.

Although not completely distinct from the previous two drivers, possibly the most important is the concept of our social identity, which helps us again define ourselves through the groups we belong to. As soon as we have defined which groups we belong to, our so-called "in-groups," it positively influences our attitudes toward members of those groups and conversely, dictates our attitudes to groups of people outside our in-groups, the "out-groups."

A key consequence of being in an in-group is that we ignore failures of the group and see attacks on the group as an attack on the self. In particular, these attacks damage our self-esteem. This is why arguments between Apple and Android users can become so personal in effect, they are.

Being part of groups is a critical aspect of being human, and is part of what guarantees our survival as a species. It is not surprising then that it plays an important role in everything that we do, including the "brand groups" we may belong to.

So, before accusing someone of being an iSheep, remember that you may be saying it because you are part of your very own "Sheep" in-group.

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OPINION

McCain's coalition of the very, very worried

BY JEFFREY GOLDBERG
Bloomberg News

Sen. John McCain, one of the last non-angstified interventionists in Washington (his Sancho Panza, fellow Republican Lindsey Graham, is another), had a very good last week.

He watched President Barack Obama decide to drop bombs on Syria, a policy McCain has long endorsed. He saw the noninterventionist wing of his party suddenly revise its views when it came under pressure from Middle East reality. He played polar bear to ex-White House flack Jay Carney's baby seal on CNN.

When I met with McCain in his Senate office last week, I asked him about his colleague, Sen. Rand Paul, who lately has been arguing that he himself is not, in fact, an isolationist. Paul is McCain's main in-traparty nemesis (of the moment, at least), and McCain's lip curled when I brought up his name. "Rand Paul now wants to take out ISIS," he said, referring to the Islamic State terror group the United States is now targeting. "Way to go, Rand, way to go!"

Paul's endorsement of an anti-Islamic State campaign was prompted by heartfelt shock at the beheading of two American journalists, McCain claimed. "It doesn't take a weatherman to know which way the wind is blowing," he said, channeling a singer I didn't think he knew existed. "He's saying this because he's running for president. That's why he's saying it."

It is true that the winds have shifted since the American people were made aware of the bottomless depravity of the Islamic State. According to a recent Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll, more than 60 percent of respondents believe that the Islamic State poses a national security threat. The U.S. three-quarters said action against the Islamic State should consist of at least airstrikes, and 34 percent said they would support the use of ground troops as well. This last number is particularly shocking, given the anti-intervention-

ist mood that has settled over the country during the Barack Obama era.

The question is, will this new spirit survive initial contact with the enemy? If American troops are killed in this latest phase in the war on Muslim terrorism, it may not. (American boots are already on the ground in Iraq, and may soon be on the ground in Syria.) McCain, being dispositionally interventionist, believes that a fully engaged president would be able to convince wary Americans of the necessity for sustained action against the Islamic State. "U.S. leadership is indispensable here," he said. "President Obama doesn't have an ideology. He has a degree of naivete. It's the failure to understand the American role in the world. He fails to appreciate that when American leadership disappears, a vacuum is created and bad things happen."

McCain's main critique of the president's anti-Islamic State campaign has two parts. The first is that by only gradually intensifying the fight against the Islamic State, he is making the same mistake as former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara four decades ago. "I would call Obama as naive as McNamara was in Vietnam concerning the realities of warfare and the nature of the enemy," he said. "If you're going to take Vienna, then take Vienna. What Napoleon meant by that was that you should not only go for your objectives, but you should do so as rapidly as possible."

McCain's second criticism: Obama is not attacking the root cause of the Syrian war, which is the behavior of Bashar Assad's regime and its supporters in Iran. He said the U.S. should be bombing government targets at the same time it is bombing Assad's Islamic State enemies. I, too, am dispositionally interventionist, but it seemed to me that McCain was outlining not only a formula for change, but also a program that could not possibly be sold to the American people.

I asked him this question: "Wouldn't the generals say to you, 'You want me to fight



ISIS, and you want me to fight the guys who are fighting ISIS, at the same time? Why would we bomb guys who are bombing ISIS? That would turn this into a crazy standoff."

"Our ultimate job is not only to defeat ISIS but to give the Syrian people the opportunity to prevail as well," McCain answered. "Remember, there are 192,000 dead Syrians thanks to Assad. If we do this right, if we do the right kind of training and equipping of the Free Syrian Army, plus airstrikes, plus taking out Bashar Assad's air assets, we could reverse the battlefield equation."

The U.S. could conceivably wage war on two fronts against two vicious parties that are also warring against each other, on a battlefield in which another set of America's enemies — Hezbollah and the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps — are also fighting. But this is a much too complicated mission for any post-Iraq War American

president to prudently tackle, even a president not quite so reluctant as Obama.

For those Americans who are moving toward McCain and away from Paul on crucial questions concerning the U.S.'s role in the world, I can't imagine that they would be able to stomach such a war, either. Killing al-Qaida-style terrorists who have beheaded two of their fellow citizens is a mission most are ready to endorse. Reshaping a dysfunctional Arab country is not.

The tragedy of this is that the outcome McCain seeks is the right one: The Syrian people, the main victims of both the Islamic State and the Assad regime, will find peace and justice only when they are freed both from Assad oppression and jihadist terror. But it won't be the U.S. that delivers them from these twin evils. I suspect that the new interventionist mood that has taken hold in the U.S. is fleeting, and I hope that McCain knows this as well.

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Eying Melilla, knowing a 'secure' border is futile

BY LAILA LALAMI

Can borders stop immigrants?

The particular border I have in mind looks like an obstacle course for mythical giants. To pass it, you would have to cross a 12-foot-wide ditch, climb a wall topped with blades, then scale three metal fences, two of them 20 feet high. You would need to elude surveillance cameras and motion-activated alarms, not to mention a multitude of well-equipped guards.

On paper at least, the border surrounding the city of Melilla seems unassailable. Like Ceuta, 200 miles west, Melilla is an anomaly: It is politically a part of Spain, but it is in Morocco, a holdover from medieval Spanish incursions along the African coast. Its border is meant to stem the flow of immigrants from south to north.

Yet on Aug. 12, several hundred immigrants managed to scale the border fences in the middle of the night. Most of them were immediately repelled. A few made it through. But some of them were caught on a metal fence, a place of physical ambiguity and legal uncertainty on one side, Europe. On the other, Africa.

These men had likely walked thousands of miles from their home countries. They had braved the heat of the Sahara, survived encounters with various police forces and camped for weeks or even months on nearby Gharouga Mountain before attempting to cross the border. Never before

had they been closer to their goal.

All day long, these men sat on the fence, under the heat of the summer sun, hoping for a miracle. They tried to pry European and American asylum-seekers. What were their names? What cities or villages did they call home? Where were they planning to go? The news reports did not say.

Forty years ago, the Melilla border was different. One summer in 1975, my parents announced that they were going on vacation. They needed a sister-in-law and me in our old Renault and we drove from our home in Rabat, the Moroccan capital, up the Atlantic coast. Over the next week, we swam in Asilah, walked the hilly streets of Tangier and got lost in the crooked alleys of Tetuan. When we arrived in Melilla, on the Mediterranean Sea, it suddenly dawned on my parents that my baby brother, who was only 6 months old, had not been added to either of their passports.

"Should we turn back?" my mother asked.

"And lose the whole day?" my father said. "No, let's keep it a try."

The Spanish border post was a tiny, circular block building. The guard checked our passports, then asked about my brother. My father explained he hadn't gotten around to adding the baby. "But we're only staying the day," he said.

So the guard waved us through. We walked the city's main thoroughfare and ate scrumptious bocadillos in the park.

I remember standing up on a bench and looking across the Mediterranean. In the hazy distance was Spain. We returned to Tetuan, in time for dinner.

Growing up in Morocco, Spain was always on the periphery of my consciousness. When the weather was clear, our antenna could receive a signal from Spanish television stations. The sounds of the language were familiar to me long before I learned to speak it. Even the enclave of Melilla had not struck me as being all that different from a Moroccan city.

But as the years went by, the disparities between the two countries grew wider. Spain slowly transitioned from dictatorship to democracy, while Morocco stagnated in "democratization," a process of never-ending reforms that firmly maintains power in the hands of the king. Spain joined the European Union and grew its economy; Morocco mired itself in debt and debt-restructuring programs.

Little wonder then that, by the late 1980s, the number of Moroccans hoping to immigrate to Spain had swelled. Over the last two decades, however, there has been a shift. Immigrants now come from many parts of Africa — Cameroon, Mali, Nigeria — to the north of Morocco. Once there, they try to cross the Mediterranean Sea on rafts or makeshift boats, which often capsize. Thousands of immigrants have perished in the deadly way. This helps explain why so many people now turn to the land route,

and to the fences in Ceuta and Melilla.

Both Spain and Morocco have continually imposed tighter controls over their land and sea borders. But the more stringent the restrictions, the more resourceful the immigrants. When higher fences were erected, immigrants used ladders. When more guards were posted, immigrants came up with a new tactic: scale the fence en masse. This summer, the Spanish government installed anti-climb mesh on the fence. Determined immigrants foiled it by attaching blocks and screws to their shoes.

The continual renovations to the Melilla border are a lesson on the futility of "securing" the border. The focus of the debate, always, seems to be: How can immigrants be stopped at the gates? Perhaps the more useful question is why do people leave their homes in the first place? The reasons may be unemployment, poverty, war, an autocratic political system, an optimistic view of the life that awaits on the other side. Until those issues are addressed, people will not be discouraged from trying to improve their lives.

The immigrants who were stuck on the fence in Melilla on Aug. 12 stay there all day, waiting. And then, one by one, they came down and were deported to Morocco.

A day later, there were fresh reports of another mass crossing.

Laila Lalami's novel "The Moor's Account" was just published. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Vaulting to the top

Oregon QB Mariota making big plays — and a case for the Heisman Trophy



STEVE DYKES/AP

Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota has already thrown for 806 yards and eight touchdowns in three games this season, while also running for 156 yards and three scores.

By ANNE M. PETERSON
The Associated Press

Any Heisman Trophy campaign for Marcus Mariota should surely include his touchdown flip.

The junior quarterback for the No. 2 Oregon Ducks, already among the favorites for college football's biggest individual post-season honor, had four touchdowns in Oregon's 48-14 victory over Wyoming on Saturday.

It was his second-quarter keeper that was the most impressive of the bunch. From the Cowboys' 19, Mariota rolled right, looking to pass. But receiver Keanon Lowe got tied up blocking a defender in the corner of the end zone. So Mariota scrambled toward the goal line before going airborne and somersaulting over the pair. Video replay confirmed the TD.

Oregon coach Mark Helfrich had a few words for Mariota afterward.

"He told me right after I got off to the sideline to never do that again. I'll take that as a warning," the quarterback said with a smile.

Overall, Mariota threw for 221 yards and two scores while running for 71 yards and two more TDs against the Cowboys. He has thrown for a touchdown in all 29 games he's played at Oregon, and Saturday's game was the 13th time he's both run and passed for a touchdown in the same game.

"I don't know if anybody here

'He told me right after I got off to the sideline to never do that again. I'll take that as a warning.'

Marcus Mariota

Ducks quarterback, on Oregon head coach Mark Helfrich's reaction to the Heisman front-runner going airborne (pictured below) to score a touchdown against Wyoming on Saturday

has a vote for the Heisman Trophy, but I would encourage you to take a look at your ballot for that quarterback." Wyoming coach Craig Bohl said. "He's a tremendous player and I thought he played really well today."

The touchdown flip brought a roar from the Autzen Stadium crowd, but the Ducks held their breath waiting for their quarterback to rise safely off the turf.

"I hope he never does that ever again," Lowe said. "It was pretty awesome but I'd rather he run out of bounds at the two."

Mariota keeps amassing Oregon records. He tops the Ducks' all-time list in total offense and has a school-best 71 passing touchdowns. Against Wyoming he became the fourth Oregon quarterback to go over 7,000 career passing yards.

Overall this season he has thrown for 806 yards and eight touchdowns — while running for 156 yards and three scores — and the Ducks are among the favorites for a spot in college football's first playoffs after opening the season at 3-0 and sitting at No. 2 in the AP rankings.

The touchdown flip is just the latest replay-worthy move that Mariota has made. The week before it was an on-the-run shovel pass to freshman running back Royce Freeman that gave the Ducks a key first down in their 46-27 victory over Michigan State.

"You get what you see on film," said Spartans senior safety Kurtis Drummond. "The guy can make plays."



STEVE DYKES/AP

Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota hits the turf after he was flipped in the air while running for a touchdown against Wyoming on Saturday at Autzen Stadium in Eugene, Ore. Mariota had four touchdowns in the victory. The Ducks are 26-3 since Mariota took over as quarterback in 2012.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saban: Next 7 games will dictate legacy

No. 3 Crimson Tide begin stretch of SEC contests that will shape how '14 team is viewed

By JOHN ZENOR
The Associated Press

ATUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama coach Nick Saban made sure his players knew that they'll always be remembered for 2014. Good, bad or great.

The third-ranked Crimson Tide will certainly be judged more for Florida than Florida Atlantic, Mississippi than Southern Mississippi and the finish rather than the start.

"I told the players (Friday), 'You know what, five years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years down the road, somebody somewhere — whether it's the barbershop or the used car lot — it's going to come up that you played football at Alabama,'" Saban said after Saturday

night's 52-12 romp over Southern Miss.

"And the next question that's going to get asked is, they're going to say, 'When?' And you're going to tell them 2014. Then they're going to say something based on the identity that you created individually and collectively as a team this year."

The heart of this team's story will really start to be written in the coming weeks. The

Tide (3-0) start a seven-game stretch against Southeastern Conference teams Saturday against Florida (2-0, 1-0 SEC), which is coming off a 33-30, triple-overtime win over Kentucky.

The coming weeks represent much bigger challenges for a team that has won its first two games against Florida Atlantic and Southern Miss this season by a collective 93-12. Four of the games are on the road for a team that hasn't had to play in a hostile environment, and three are against Top 10 competition.

The stretch includes road trips to No. 10 Ole Miss, Tennessee and No. 8 LSU, plus a home game against No. 6 Texas A&M.

A team that sets national titles as a primary goal annually — and generally not unrealistically — has much to live up to.

'... If we're going to win, we're going to win as a team. We're not not going to win because of individual great players and I think everybody's got to buy into that.'

Nick Saban
Alabama coach

Saban's message to his team before facing 48-point underdog Southern Miss was clear: Make sure that legacy isn't one of unfulfilled potential. He said something "pops into my head" when each season is brought up.

"But most of the time it's not so good when you don't feel like the team reached its full potential," Saban said. "When you didn't do a good enough job for the players to play like they needed to play or to buy in like they needed to buy in."

"That's going to be really important for this team to continue to do, because if we're going to win, we're going to win as a team. We're not going to win because of individual great players, and I think everybody's got to buy into that."

Alabama

enters SEC play with the quarterback question resolved, at least. Blake Sims has claimed the starting job over Jake Coker with poised, confident play.

Saban said he still wants Coker to play and build his own confidence, but indicated he didn't feel comfortable taking Sims out until the Tide had pushed its lead to 35-9 late in the third quarter.

Tight end Brian Vogler said Sims has grown "tremendously" since Game 1 against West Virginia.

"He came in kind of nervous," Vogler said. "It was his first real opportunity, and the composure's just growing, and the sky's the limit for the guy."

Receiver Amari Cooper said Sims' confidence is evident in how vocal he has become.

"Volume reflects confidence, and he's been more vocal," Cooper said. "He's been speaking up louder in the huddle."

Alabama's biggest short-term question mark going into the Florida game moves from quarterback to safety. Jarrick Williams remains out with a fractured bone in his foot, and a targeting infraction leaves his replacement Nick Perry suspended for the first half against the Gators.

Alabama quarterback Blake Sims (6) celebrates with tight end Brian Vogler after Vogler scored a touchdown in the second half against Southern Mississippi on Saturday in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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SPORTS BRIEFS/COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Briefly

Sooners' RB Ford out with broken foot

The Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said running back Keith Ford will miss at least a week after breaking his foot in a win over Tennessee.

Ford led the fourth-ranked Sooners with 194 yards rushing through three games and was one of the team's top receivers with 100 yards on six catches. He leads the team with five touchdowns rushing and caught a 23-yard touchdown pass in Saturday's 34-10 win over Tennessee.

Stoops said during a conference call that it is a small, slight fracture on a non-weight bearing bone that could keep him out for two to three weeks.

Alex Ross and Samaje Perine will pick up Ford's carries, starting Saturday at West Virginia.

In other college football news:

■ Running backs Russell Hansbrough and Marcus Murphy are expected to play when No. 18 Missouri hosts Indiana on Saturday.

Coach Gary Pinkel said Monday that Hansbrough left the Tigers' 38-10 win against Central Florida on Saturday on the first play in the fourth quarter after feeling "dizzy." Murphy didn't play the final five minutes due to a mild ankle strain. Pinkel said both players could have re-entered, but didn't because of Missouri's lead.

■ West Virginia cornerback Daryl Worley has been suspended indefinitely for an undisclosed violation of team rules.

Worley has started all three games for West Virginia (2-1), which hosts No. 4 Oklahoma (3-0) in their Big 12 opener Saturday.

Appendectomy sidelines Yanks' Prado for season

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — New York Yankees infielder-outfielder Martin Prado has had an appendectomy and will miss the rest of the season.

The team announced Wednesday that Prado had the surgery early Tuesday. He was placed on the 60-day disabled list.

Prado has been a solid performer for the Yankees, posting a .316 batting average with seven homers and 16 RBIs in 37 games since being obtained from the Arizona Diamondbacks on July 31.

In other baseball news:

■ Former Pittsburgh Pirates reliever Kent Tekulve is recovering from heart transplant surgery.

Allegheny General Hospital, in Pittsburgh, Pa., said Tuesday the 67-year-old Tekulve was discharged Friday after the Sept. 5 operation. His surgeon, Dr. Stephen Bailey, said Tekulve is doing "extremely well" and should be "resuming normal daily activities very soon."

Tekulve thanked his family and friends, the Pirates, Root Sports and the medical staff. He expressed "eternal gratitude for the gift of life that I received through organ donation."

Future of Olympic golf course up to court

RIO DE JANEIRO — A Brazilian court is set to decide the future of the golf course for the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics, a layout that is being carved out of a nature reserve with luxury high-rise apartments planned around the edges.

The city of Rio de Janeiro and the course developer are defendants in a lawsuit that alleges environmental laws were broken in authorizing and building the layout. Earlier this month, Rio judge Eduardo Klausner gave them until Wednesday to say if the course design can be modified to offer concessions to environmentalists.

Golf's return to the Olympics after 112 years is a centerpiece of the Rio Games. But the course has been plagued by legal challenges over land ownership, questions about the impact on a local ecosystem, and other delays.

Charleston, ex-coach reach settlement

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The College of Charleston has paid \$400,000 to former coach Doug Wojcik as part of the settlement reached last week.

Wojcik was fired last month amid allegations of verbal abuse. The school hired longtime Wichita State and Clemson assistant Earl Grant two weeks ago.



Sue Oerocmu/AP

Oklahoma running back Keith Ford, who leads the team with 194 yards rushing and five touchdowns in three games, has a small, slight fracture on a non-weight bearing bone that could keep him out of the lineup for the No. 4 Sooners for two to three weeks.

Dynamic: Tandem works for Auburn

FROM BACK PAGE

Coach Gus Malzahn still calls Artis-Payne and Grant Tailbacks 1 and 1A, though the former has gotten twice as many carries.

Mason was a combination of speed and compact power and the kind of workhorse who took over in the Southeastern Conference championship game against Missouri. He and quarterback Nick Marshall were the key cogs for the first SEC offense to lead the nation in rushing.

This season, the speedster Grant has had success running between the tackles. Artis-Payne has flashed some big-play potential on the outside, saying after the San Jose State game that he "wanted to come out and show my speed because everybody says I'm a bruiser."

Malzahn said the 5-foot-11, 210-pound Artis-Payne and Mason, a third-round draft pick by the St. Louis Rams, have a similar style in that regard.

"I think there's probably more similarities than there are differences," the coach said. "Tre was such an exceptional between-the-tackles runner, and I think Cameron has some of these same traits. Cameron also has gotten a little quicker and a little faster



No. 5 Auburn (2-0)
at No. 20 Kansas State (2-0)
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from this time last year. He probably lost anywhere from 5-10 pounds, and I really think that's helped him."

Both Artis-Payne and Grant rushed for 600-plus yards last season. Artis-Payne already has 289 yards and four touchdowns, trailing only Georgia's Todd Gurley in the SEC in yards per game. Grant has topped 80 yards in each of the Tigers' first two games and is averaging 8.8 yards on 20 carries.

Grant's mind-set, though, always goes back to the question he's faced most often: "Can I run between the tackles?"

"Going into every game this year, I'm trying to be a more physical back," he said. "As I'm

running the ball, there have been some times where I could have got out of bounds but I'd rather lower my shoulder and try to break that tackle or get 2 or 3 more yards."

Grant believes he and Artis-Payne can both run for 1,000 yards this season, and Marshall is a candidate to reach that milestone for the second straight year, also.

Plus, freshman Roc Thomas came in as a five-star prospect and gained 51 yards against San Jose State.

The backs as a group still have things to prove: That they can keep piling up yards as the defenses get tougher and thrive in the biggest games like Mason, who didn't start getting much Heisman buzz until his performances against Alabama and Missouri.

Recalling the season-opening flop against North Dakota State last season, the Wildcats (2-0) easily handled Stephen F. Austin in this year's season opener.

Then, faced with the unenviable task of playing on the road in the Big 12 in Week 2, Kansas State calmly marched 80 yards in the final minutes for a 32-28 win at Iowa State and an early lead in the conference race.

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MLB



The Orioles' Ryan Flaherty, right, is congratulated by third-base coach Bobby Dickerson as he rounds the bases after hitting a two-run home run during the fourth inning of Monday's game against the Blue Jays in Baltimore. The Orioles won the game 5-2.

Roundup

O's close in on AL East title

Chen (16-4) allowed two runs on nine hits over 5½ innings to become the first Orioles lefty to win 16 games since Jimmy Key in 1997. Although he yielded at least one hit in every inning but the second, Chen improved to 13-2 in 23 starts since May 9.

Rays 1, Yankees 0: Ben Zobrist hit a game-ending single with two outs in the

Marlins 6, Mets 5: Jacob deGrom struck out his first eight batters to match a major league record before visiting Miami finally started making contact and rallied late for a victory over New York.

Angels first to wrap up playoff spot

The Mariners (80-69) dropped two games behind Kansas City for the second AL wild card spot with their fifth loss in six games.

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Orioles 5, Blue Jays 2

A black and white photograph of Miguel Cabrera in a batting stance, swinging his bat. He is wearing a Detroit Tigers uniform with his name 'CABRERA' and number '24' visible on the back of his jersey.

SB—D. Navarro (21), DE Aza (1),
O'Haherty (7). SB—Reyes (27).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Stroman L10-6	6	9	5	5	2	3
McClellan 7-5	5	1	0	0	0	0
McGowan	1½	0	0	0	1	2
Baltimore						
W.Chen W16-4	5½	9	2	2	1	6
Brach H,6	1½	1	0	0	0	2
Tom.Hunter H,9	1	0	0	0	0	1
Z.Britton S35-39	1	1	0	0	0	0
Brach pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.						
WP—Stroman, T—3:12, A—25,061 (45,971).						

Angels 8, Mariners 1

Seattle					Los Angeles				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Aickens cf	3	0	1	0	Calton cf	5	1	1	0
J.Lopez ar-ef	1	0	0	0	Truett cf	5	1	1	0

lf	3	0	1	0	Pujols 1b	2	0
lf	1	0	0	0	Campano pr-1f	3	1

C2ayr ss	3	0	1	0	HkNdrC 2b	4	0	0	1
Seagar 3b	4	0	1	0	Abyar ss	4	0	0	1
KMoris dh	4	0	0	0	Freece 3b	4	1	1	1
MMorss 3b	3	1	1	2	JMcDnl 3b	0	0	0	0
MSndrs rf	3	0	0	0	Boesch dh	3	0	0	0
Zunino c	2	0	0	0	Conger c	3	0	0	0
Quinter c	1	0	0	1	ENavr I 3b	3	2	1	0
BMiller ss-2b	2	0	0	0					
Totals	31	6	1	2	Totals	34	8	9	8
Seattle						000	000	010	1
Los Angeles						004	310	000	8
E—Cano (7), Conger (6), DP—Los Angeles									
2—Lobo—Seattle 4, Los Angeles 7, 2B—Cano									
(34), Morrison (16), Pujols (36), H.Kendrick									
(30), HR—Freeze (9), Boesch (1).									
					I	H	R	ER	BB
Seattle									
1A-8	21	6	1	2	6	7	7	3	4

2 L, 14-8	3/3	0	7	7	2
	2/3	1	0	0	1
	1	1	1	1	1

E Ramirez	2	1	0	0	0	1	1		
Medina	1	0	0	0	0	1	1		
Los Angeles									
Shoemaker W,16-4	7½	5	1	1	0	5			
Thatcher	½	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Pestano	1	1	0	0	0	0	0		
T = 2:54. A = 36,137 (45,483).									
Padres 1, Phillies 0									
Philadelphia				San Diego					
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Revere cf	4	0	0	0	Solarte 3b	4	0	1	0
Asch 3b	3	0	0	0	S. Smith rf	3	0	1	0
Utley 1b	3	0	0	0	Ortiz 3b	3	0	1	0
Howard 1b	3	0	0	0	Grandi 1b	4	0	0	0
Byrd rf	3	0	1	0	Rivera c	3	1	1	0
DBrown lf	3	0	1	0	Amarrst ss	3	0	0	0

p	0	0	0	0	Goeert lf	3	0
c	2	0	0	0	Maybin cf	0	0

Ruf ph	1	0	0	0	Venäe cr-rr	1	0	0	0
Ruf c	0	0	0	0	Cashnr p	3	0	0	0
Galvis ss	3	0	0	0					
JWilms p	2	0	0	0					
CJlmnz p	0	0	0	0					
GSizmr lf	1	0	0	0					
	27	0	2	0	Totals	27	1	3	0
Philadelphia San Diego	010	000	000	000	Philadelphia San Diego	010	000	00x-1	00x-1
E—Asche (15), DP—Philadelphia 1, San Diego 2, LOB—Philadelphia 1, San Diego 6, 2B—Rivera (15).									
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Philadelphia									
Je. Williams 1,3-2	7½	3	1	0	2	6			
CJlmnz	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Lu.Garcia	½	0	0	0	1	0			
San Diego									
Cashner W4-7	9	2	0	0	1	7			

menez pitched to 1 batter in
-2:09. A-17.558 (42.302).

Rays 1, Yankees 0									
New York					Tampa Bay				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Ellisury cf	4	0	0	0	Zobrist cf	5	0	2	1
Gardner lf	4	0	0	0	Guyser lf	3	0	1	0
Prado 2b	4	0	2	0	Longori dh	3	0	0	0
Teixeira 1b	3	0	1	0	Myers rf	3	0	0	0
Beltran dh	4	0	1	0	YEScor ss	4	0	0	0
Headly 3b	2	0	0	0	Forsythe 2b	1	1	0	0
Drew 1b-ss	2	0	0	0	Ortiz 1b	4	0	0	0
ISuzuki rf	4	0	1	0	SRDRG 3b	3	0	0	0
JMrrphy c	2	0	0	0	DeJesse ph	1	0	0	0
B.Ryan c	2	0	1	0	Casali c	2	0	0	0
BMCCn ph	1	0	0	0	Joyce ph	0	0	0	0
Zelwiler 3b	0	0	0	0					
Totals	32	0	6	0	Totals	32	1	5	1
New York	0	0	0	0	000	000	000	000	0

a Bay 000 000 001
 0 outs when winning run scored.

Gardner (2). DP—Tampa Bay 1. LOB—New York 7, Tampa Bay 10. 2B—I Suzuki (11).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Capuano	6	2	0	0	4	4
Warren	2	0	0	0	0	1
Kelley L3-6	7½	3	1	1	1	1
Tampa Bay						
Colome	6½	6	0	0	1	4
Geltz	½	0	0	0	0	0
Belliveau	½	0	0	0	0	0
Yates	½	0	0	0	0	0
Jo, Peralta W3-4	1	0	0	0	1	1

WP—Capuano, Colome. T—3:28. A—16,058 (31,042).

Diamondbacks 6, Giants 2

San Francisco				Arizona			
	ab	h	fb		ab	h	fb
J.Perez of	5	1	2	InciantI†	2	0	0
Pank12b	5	1	2	Owings2b	3	1	1
Posey c	5	1	2	Pollock c	3	1	1
Pencer1†	5	1	2	A.Hum1b	4	1	2
Ariz13b	5	1	2	M.Mint c	4	1	2
Ariz13b	3	1	3	T.Rullo3 c	3	0	0
Ishiwak-ph1b	1	0	0	C.Ross r	1	0	0
GBLanc f	4	0	1	Buckspr-r†	2	0	0
W.C.13b	4	0	1	Greigs3b	2	0	0
Volsyn p	2	0	0	Miley p	2	1	1
J.Lopez p	2	0	0	Pnngtn ph	1	1	1
W.C.13b-ph	2	0	0	Paterson p	1	0	0
Guttruz p	0	0	0	EMShrl p	0	0	0
Cordier p	0	0	0	EDLRs p	0	0	0
Susac ph	1	0	0				
Totals	33	11	2	Totals	33	6	6
San Francisco	000	000	110-2				
Arizona	000	000	20x-6				
San Francisco	000	000	000				
clisp 3, Arizona 5, 28	004	003	3, 5, 28				

val (26), G.Blanco (15), M.Montero (22).
3B—Pollock (5). HR—Trumbo (9). SB—

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Francisco						
Vogelsong L,8-11	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	4	4	4	5
J.Lopez	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0
J.Gutierrez	1	3	2	2	0	1
Cordier	1	0	0	0	0	1
Arizona						
Miley W,8-11	7	7	1	1	0	4
Paterson	0	1	1	1	0	0
E.Marshall	1	2	0	0	0	1
E.De La Rosa	1	1	0	0	0	1

Paterson pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. W-P-Vogelsong 2. T-2:59. A-21,731 (48,633).

Merline 6. Moto 5

Miami					New York				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Yellief lf	5	0	0	0	Lagars cf	4	0	1	0
Solano 2b	5	1	0	0	DNMrp 3b	5	0	1	2
McGeeb 3b	4	0	0	0	TdCarr 2b	4	1	2	0
Ozuna cf	4	1	1	0	Duda 1b	3	1	0	0
Bour 1b	3	1	2	0	Flores ss	3	0	2	2
Lucas pr-1b	0	1	0	0	Grndrs rf	3	0	0	1
Hchvrr ss	4	1	2	2	Mejia p	0	0	0	0
Vidson rf	3	1	1	2	DHerrrr 2b	4	0	0	0
McGrzd ph-rf	0	0	0	0	Drms lf	0	0	0	0
Mathis c	3	0	2	1	Cmllp ph-1f	2	1	0	0
Cosart p	2	0	1	0	deGrm p	2	0	0	0
RJhnsn ph	0	0	0	0	Satin ph	1	0	0	0
MDunn p	0	0	0	0	Famili p	0	0	0	0
ARams p	0	0	0	0	Edgin p	0	0	0	0
SDyson p	0	0	0	0	Niwahrs rf	1	0	0	0
WJhnsn ph	0	0	0	0					

Usoles p	1	0	0	0
Hatchr p	0	0	0	0
Cishek p	0	0	0	0

Totals	36 611	Totals	34 575
Miami	000 000	000 000	335 6
New York	000 399	000 399	338 6
McGhee (7), LOB—Miami (6), New York 8, 2B—Solano (10), Hechavaria (19), TD—Arnold (21), Flores (10). S—Mathis, SF—R.Johnson.			
	IP	H	R
Cosart	6	5	2
Munni BS-3.4	2¹/₂	1	2
A.Ramos	0	1	1
S.Dyson W3-1	1¹/₂	0	0
Hatcher	1	0	0
Cishek S3-6.40	1	0	0
New York			
d.eGrum	7	6	3
Amilia L2.5,B5-5.10	4	4	3
Edglin	1	0	0
Wejla	1¹/₂	1	0
Ramos pitched a shutout, 7-0, over the Mets.			
WP—d.eGrum, 1-3; LOA—A.23.927 (41,922).			

ers Torii Hunter, right, and Miguel Cabrera celebrate Hunter's solo home run off Twins reliever Casey Fien in the ninth inning on Monday. Cabrera followed Hunter with a solo home run moments later.

Astros 3, Indians 1 **Diamondbacks 6, Giants 2**
 Oakland Houston San Francisco Arizona

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
nc f	4	1	1	0	Grssmn lf	4	1	1	0	J.Perez cf	5	0	0	0	Inciart lf	4	0	1	0
ss	3	0	0	0	Altuve 2b	4	1	3	2	Panik 2b	5	1	2	0	Owings 2b	3	1	1	0
ly lf	4	0	2	0	Fowler cf	3	0	0	1	Posey c	4	0	1	1	Pollock cf	3	2	1	1
tr ph	4	0	1	1	Carter dh	4	0	0	0	Pence f	4	0	1	0	Trumbo 1b	4	1	2	5

sdh	4	0	1	0	Krauss 1b	3	0	0	0	Sandovl 3b	4	0	2	0	MMntr c	4	0	1	0
sdh c	4	0	0	0	Singltm 1b	1	0	0	0	Arias 1b	3	1	3	0	A.Hl 3b	3	0	1	0
prf	4	0	1	0	JCastro c	3	0	2	0	Ishikw ph-1b	1	0	0	0	C.Ross rf	2	0	0	0
hl 3b	4	0	1	0	MSnck rf	3	0	1	0	GBLanc ff	4	0	1	0	Bjcksn pr-rf	1	0	0	0
	1	0	0	0	MDuroc 2b	3	0	0	0	RCrwc cc	4	0	1	1	Gronae pr	4	0	0	0

rs 2b	2	0	0	0	MDiff1 ss	3	0	0	0	Vglsng p	2	0	0	0	Miley p	2	1	1	0
rs 2b	0	0	0	0	G.Petit ss	3	1	2	0	J.Lopez p	0	0	0	0	Pnngtn ph	1	1	1	0
ph-2b	1	0	0	0						MDuffy ph	1	0	0	0	Patersn p	0	0	0	0
	34	1	7	1	Totals	31	3	9	3	JGutrrz p	0	0	0	0	EMRsh p	0	0	0	0
eland					100 000	000-1				Coarline	0	0	0	0	ENRl Brn	0	0	0	0

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Krauss (4), LOB—Cleveland 7, Hous-	Cordier p 0 0 0 0	EDERS p 0 0 0 0
5. 2B—Brantley (40), Grossman (13),	Susac ph 1 0 0 0	
tro (20). 3B—Altuve (3). SB—Maris-	Totals 38 211 2	Totals 31 6 9 6
(5). CS—Altuve (8). S—J.Ramirez,	San Francisco	000 000 110-2
Arizona	Arizona	004 000 20x-6

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Land L3-7	6	7	2	2	0	6

	7½	1	0	0	0	0		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
done	7½	0	0	0	0	1	San Francisco						
son	7½	1	1	1	0	0	Vogelsong L8-11	5½	6	4	4	4	5
ett	7½	0	0	0	0	0	J.Lopez	½	0	0	0	0	0
en							A.Cuyler	1	3	3	3	0	1

High W10-9	6%	5	1	0	0	7	Gutierrez	1	3	2	2	0	1
Urban H,3	1	1	0	0	0	1	Cordier	1	0	0	0	0	1
no H,2	1/2	0	0	0	0	0	Arizona						
S,18-23	1	1	0	0	0	1	Miley W8-11	7	7	1	1	0	4
							Paterson	0	1	1	1	0	

2:45. A—17,403 (42,060).
Nationals 4, Braves 2
 ington Atlanta
 E.Marshall 1 2 0 0 0 1
 E.De La Rosa 1 1 0 0 0 1
 Paterson pitched to 1 batter in the
 8th. WP—Vogelsong 2. T—2:59. A—21,731
 (48,633).

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
cf	4	0	1	1	Gosseln 2b	4	0	0	0
on 3b	4	0	0	0	ASmns ss	4	1	2	0
nr f	3	0	1	0	FFrmn 1b	3	0	1	0

	ab	n	bi		ab	n	bi
ib	4	0	0	Trdsive 1b	1	0	0
ss	4	1	0	J.Upton 1f	4	1	1
er 1f	1	0	0	Heywrd 1f	4	0	1
ph-1f	2	0	1	CJHns 3b	3	0	1
ms c	3	2	1	Bonifac pr	0	0	0
				Ozuna c	4	1	0
				Solano 2b	5	0	1
				McGeh 3b	5	1	0
				Czuna cf	4	1	0
				Lagars cf	4	0	1
				DnMrp 3b	5	1	2
				TdArnd c	4	2	2
				Duda 1b	3	1	0

er2b	4	1	1	0	Bthncrt c	4	0	2	1	Bour lb	3	1	2	0	Flores ss	3	0	2	2
rgp	1	0	1	1	Bupton cf	4	0	1	0	Lucas pr-lb	0	1	0	0	Grndrs rf	3	0	0	1
in p	0	0	0	0	ESantn p	0	0	0	0	Hchvrr ss	4	1	2	2	Mejia p	0	0	0	0
n ph	1	0	0	0	Constnz ph	1	0	0	0	Vldsp rf	3	1	1	2	DHerryf 2b	4	0	0	0
n	0	0	0	0	Avilan c	0	0	0	0	KHrnpz ph-rf	1	0	0	0	dnDkkr lf	2	0	0	0

Jaime p	0	0	0	0	Mathis c	3	0	2	1	Cmpll ph-lf	2	1	0	0
Shreve p	0	0	0	0	Cosart p	2	0	1	0	deGrm p	2	0	0	0
Schlssr p	0	0	0	0	RJHnsn ph	0	0	0	1	Satin ph	1	0	0	0
Duonit ph	1	0	0	0	MDunn p	0	0	0	0	Famili p	0	0	0	0
Bouenll	0	0	0	0	ARms p	0	0	0	0	Edoin p	0	0	0	0

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Washington B., Atlanta b.	ZB—Span
Werth (35), A.Cabrera (8), A.Simmons *) J.Upton (33). HR—W.Ramos (11).	Miami
Dresmond (22), CS—Schierholtz (5).	New York
Tarasburg, E.Santana.	E—McGehee (7). LOB—Miami b. New
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NFL BRIEFS

Panthers noncommittal on Hardy's status

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Carolina Panthers coach Ron Rivera isn't sure if Greg Hardy will play Sunday night against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Rivera also said Monday that the team hasn't considered releasing the Pro Bowl defensive end, who is involved in a domestic violence case. He added that Hardy will continue to practice and attend team meetings, but the coach won't make a decision on when Hardy plays until later this week.

The Panthers plan to continue gathering information in what Rivera said is "a very fluid situation."

Hardy was convicted July 15 of assault on a female and communicating threats after the victim claimed he threw her down on a bed of guns and tossed her into the shower. He is appealing the ruling.

Hardy played in Week 1, but Rivera deactivated him just hours before Sunday's game against the Detroit Lions — two days after the coach had said Hardy would play.

Rivera said Panthers owner Jerry Richardson was involved in the Hardy discussion and the team received some input from the league, but it was his decision to bench him.

Hardy made \$770,588.23 — one-seventeenth of his yearly pay — despite not playing. Hardy is due to make \$13.1 million this year.

Panthers general manager Dave Gettleman and his staff are "doing their due diligence in terms of looking at what our options are" going forward, Rivera said.

On Monday, Hardy arrived at the stadium shortly after noon. He didn't acknowledge media questions as he strolled into the stadium.

The decision to deactivate Hardy last Sunday was a difficult one, Rivera said.



CHUCK BURTON/AP

Carolina Panthers' Greg Hardy smiles at fans as he arrives for practice in Charlotte, N.C., last Thursday. Hardy has been convicted on two counts of domestic violence and was deactivated just hours before Sunday's game against the Detroit Lions.

"If you play him and you win, then you don't have a conscience; and if you play him and you lose, he's a distraction," Rivera said.

Rivera's decision to bench Hardy came after the Minnesota Vikings deactivated Adrian Peterson following his indictment for injuring a child.

49ers: McDonald's legal process must play out

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — San Francisco 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh insisted Monday that public pressure will not sway his decision to play Ray McDonald during an investigation into the defensive lineman's arrest on suspicion of domestic violence.

Harbaugh said there "could be" a resolution in the case this week by McDonald, arrested at his home Aug. 31 while celebrating his 30th birthday with teammates and friends.

"I know there's an investigation going on that's continuing today,"

Harbaugh said.

McDonald has played and started both games so far for San Francisco (1-1).

Harbaugh said the 49ers didn't compare the McDonald and Greg Hardy situations.

"Well, you've seen there's a lot of public speculation, and people weighing in with their opinion, whether it's a public figure or people through social media," Harbaugh said. "Our response would be, we have two principles at play here — one is respect for due process and we're not going to flinch based on public speculation."

Harbaugh, 49ers CEO Jed York and general manager Trent Baalke all have said publicly they will let the legal process play out before deciding to sit McDonald or making any other choices about his future with the team. They have expressed that they have zero tolerance for domestic violence.

"The facts and the informa-

tion, that's what we said from the beginning, yes," said Harbaugh, who like Baalke has daughters.

He would not confirm an NFL Network report that the 49ers believe McDonald's version of what happened.

"I trust the process. The reason I'm not answering is I'm not inserting myself into the process, one way or the other," Harbaugh said. "I think that's the right thing to do, respect the legal process, respect the due process. The authorities are at work. We've been pretty clear on how we're going about this."

Union expected to file Rice appeal Tuesday

NEW YORK — The players' union plans to appeal the indefinite suspension the NFL handed to Ray Rice last week.

NFL Players Association spokesman George Atallah told The Associated Press on Monday "we are expecting to appeal before the deadline on Tuesday night." That deadline is 11:59 p.m. EDT.

Although he doesn't have a team, Rice remains a member of the NFLPA.

New drug policy nearly finalized

NEW YORK — The NFL and the players' union are close to finalizing the drug policy changes they tentatively agreed upon last week.

Union spokesman George Atallah told The Associated Press on Monday that the "drug policies are currently getting finalized." League and NFL Players Association attorneys and officials are reviewing the documents and could approve them this week.

One key element is how the changes affect players currently under suspension, including Denver receiver Wes Welker (four games) and Browns receiver Josh Gordon (entire season). Their

bans would be reduced, and the union wants to see that happen before Week 3 games are played. Welker was suspended for amphetamine use in the offseason, but punishment for that is being switched from the performance enhancer policy to the substance abuse program — except for in-season violations.

Hours after the union voted Friday to accept the NFL proposal on changes that included HGH testing, the league said it was not a done deal. Further discussions have taken place since then.

In NFL injury news:

■ San Diego Chargers running back Ryan Mathews has a sprained medial collateral ligament in his right knee and will be out for an undetermined amount of time.

Mathews was taken off the field on a cart Sunday after hurting his knee trying to recover his own fumble in the fourth quarter of a 30-21 victory against the Seattle Seahawks.

The Chargers didn't say to what degree the ligament was injured, which would help narrow down how long Mathews is expected to be out.

■ Chicago Bears cornerback Charles Tillman will miss the remainder of the season after tearing his right triceps.

The Bears placed the two-time Pro Bowl player on injured reserve Monday. Tillman came up clutching his arm in pain in the third quarter of Sunday's win at San Francisco after he got tangled with the 49ers' Michael Crabtree during a run along the sideline by Colin Kaepernick.

■ Miami Dolphins running back Knowshon Moreno is expected to be sidelined for at least a month with a left elbow injury, and the team has re-signed Daniel Thomas to shore up the position.

Moreno, the NFL's leading rusher in Week 1, was hurt in the first quarter of Sunday's loss at Buffalo. He was seen weeping on the sideline.

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NFL

Eagles rally late, beat Colts

Parkey kicks last-second FG to down Indianapolis

By MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Philadelphia made all the right calls Monday night.

In the end, Andrew Luck and the Colts made too many mistakes.

The Eagles turned two second-half turnovers, including an inexplicable late interception of Luck, into 14 points and eventually made a 36-yard field goal as time expired to beat the Colts 30-27.

"I just saw the ball and went for that. Sometimes you get calls, and that's none of our concern," Eagles cornerback Malcolm Jenkins said of the game-changing interception. "We just know that was a great play for our defense at that time and for our team at that time. Something that we really needed that allowed us to go down and score and put us in position to win."

The Eagles (2-0) have now won twice this season by overcoming 14-point deficits in the second half — only the fourth team in the NFL over the last 30 years to do that in consecutive weeks, according to STATS.

Sure, there was plenty of credit to go around. From Jenkins' key play to Nick Foles' composure and Darren Sproles' re-emergence as the Colts' nemesis, everything went right for the Eagles when it had to.

Foles finished 21-for-37 passing for 331 yards with one touchdown.

Sproles ran 19 yards for a touchdown, tying the score at 20, and took a short pass 51 yards down the field to set up the touchdown that tied the score at 27, too.

"We felt like we had that all day long. Not all day long but I think what they were giving us coverage-wise," coach Chip Kelly said of the 51-yarder. "When their rush is getting to you, you have to do something to negate the rush and I think to negate the rush you have to use your screen game as a weapon."

Here are some more things that happened Monday night.

What were they thinking? For the second straight week, Andrew Luck left the game muttering about making a "stupid" decision. This time, it was the third-down pass with 5:08 to play. Indy was already in field-goal range for Andrew Vintatieri and could have taken a 10-point lead. Instead, Luck's pass was picked off and the Eagles drove down the field to



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Eagles kicker Cody Parkey, right, is mobbed by teammates after kicking the game-winning, 36-yard field goal as time expired during Monday's game against the Colts in Indianapolis. Philadelphia won 30-27.



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Eagles free safety Malcolm Jenkins, front, celebrates with Connor Barwin after Jenkins made a late interception of Colts quarterback Andrew Luck that helped Philadelphia rally from 14 points down.

tie the score.

Strange calls: Colts fans were incensed no flag was thrown on the interception. Replays appeared to show Brandon Boykin

grabbing T.Y. Hilton, the intended receiver, before he had a chance to make the catch. Two plays later, Colts safety LaRon Landry was called for a 15-yard penalty

on a horse-collar tackle even though replays appeared to show Landry pulling down LeSean McCoy by the jersey instead of putting his hands inside McCoy's shoulder pads. The two decisions helped Philadelphia rally, though the Colts were quick not to blame the officials for this loss.

Sproles returns: Philadelphia knew what Sproles could do when they got him during the offseason. They may not have realized how much time Sproles has spent befuddling the Colts until Monday night. The small, fleet, versatile runner almost single-handedly derailed Indy's 2008 playoff run by leading San Diego to an overtime win. And he was the key to Monday night's comeback, too.

Walk in the park: Cody Parkey may have had the toughest job in training camp — trying to beat out Adam Vintatieri for a spot on the Colts' roster. But the Eagles were so impressed they forced the Colts to rescind waivers on him and trade him to Philadelphia. After missing an early field goal Monday, Parkey was money when it mattered most, making the 36-yard field goal twice (once as the Colts called timeout) to beat his former team.

Back-to-back: Indy (0-2) now must figure out how to rebound after losing back-to-back regular-season games for the first time in the Luck or (head coach) Chuck Pagano eras. Both had made it 33 straight games without two straight losses.

Scoreboard

American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	52	30
Miami	1	1	0	.500	43	49
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	43	45
New England	1	0	0	.500	50	40
South						
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	47	20
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	36	36
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	27	75
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	51	61
North						
Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	47	26
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	42	29
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	36	53
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	53	54
West						
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	55	41
San Diego	1	0	0	.500	47	39
Oakland	0	2	0	.000	28	49
Kansas City	2	0	0	.500	27	50

National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	0	0	1.000	64	44
Washington	1	1	0	.500	47	27
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	43	38
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	28	60
South						
Carolina	2	0	0	1.000	44	21
Atlanta	1	0	0	.500	47	58
New Orleans	0	2	0	.000	58	63
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	31	39
North						
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	48	43
Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	41	36
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	38	38
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	47	60
West						
Arizona	2	0	0	1.000	43	31
Seattle	1	1	0	.500	57	46
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	48	45
St. Louis	1	0	0	.500	25	51

Thursday, Sept. 11

Baltimore 26, Pittsburgh 17	
Sunday, Sept. 14	
Dallas 25, Tennessee 10	
New England 30, Minnesota 7	
Buffalo 25, Miami 10	
Washington 41, Jacksonville 10	
Arizona 25, N.Y. Giants 14	
Cleveland 26, New Orleans 24	
Cincinnati 24, Atlanta 10	
Carolina 24, Detroit 7	
San Diego 30, Seattle 21	
St. Louis 24, Tampa Bay 17	
Houston 30, Oakland 14	
Denver 24, Kansas City 17	
Green Bay 31, N.Y. Jets 24	
Chicago 28, San Francisco 20	
Monday, Sept. 15	
Philadelphia 30, Indianapolis 27	
Thursday's game	
Sunday's games	
Dallas at St. Louis	
San Diego at New Orleans	
San Diego at Buffalo	
Washington at Philadelphia	
Atlanta at N.Y. Giants	
Tennessee at Cincinnati	
Baltimore at Cleveland	
Green Bay at Detroit	
Indianapolis at Jacksonville	
Oakland at New England	
San Francisco at Arizona	
Denver at Seattle	
Kansas City at Miami	
Pittsburgh at Carolina	
Monday's game	
Chicago at N.Y. Jets	

Monday

Eagles 30, Colts 27	
Philadelphia	3 3 14 10-30
Indianapolis	7 10 3 7-27
First Quarter	
Phi — FG Parkey 31, 8:58	
Ind — Bradshaw 1 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 6:18	
Second Quarter	
Ind — FG Vinatieri 48, 13:18	
Phi — Parkey 23, 6:36	
Ind — Doyle 2 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 1:13	
Third Quarter	
Ind — FG Vinatieri 64, 6:43	
Phi — McCoy 1 run (Parkey kick), 4:32	
Phi — Sproles 19 run (Parkey kick), 2:44	
Fourth Quarter	
Ind — Bradshaw 7 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 11:49	
Phi — Bradshaw 6 pass from Foles (Parkey kick), 3:25	
Ind — FG Parkey 36, :00	
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	Phi	Ind
First downs	24	23
Total Net Yards	458	341
Rushes-yards	28-127	38-169
Passing	331	172
Punt Returns	4-5	4-44
Kickoff Returns	1-21	2-54
Comp.-Att-Int.	21-37-1	20-34-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	0-0
Punts	4-53-8	4-65-3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalty Yards	11-60	11-60
Time of Possession	23:45	36:15

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Philadelphia: McCoy 20-79, Sproles 4-26, Foles 4-22. **Indianapolis:** Richardson 2-78, Bradshaw 13-70, Luck 4-20.
Passing—Philadelphia: Foles 21-37-1, **Indianapolis:** Luck 20-34-1.
Receiving—Philadelphia: McCoy 10-126, 7-152, Eriz 4-46, McClain 4-45, McCoy 4-23, M.Lawrence 1-17, Cooper 1-8. **Indianapolis:** Hilton 6-69, Bradshaw 1-26, Wayne 3-28, Doyle 2-12, Moncrief 1-16, Richardson 1-16, Fleener 1-15. **Defensive—Philadelphia:** Parkey 38 (WL).

NFL



Nick Wass/AP

Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III (10) throws and injures his left ankle in front of Jaguars outside linebacker LaRoy Reynolds during the first half of Sunday's game in Landover, Md. Griffin dislocated his ankle on the play, but didn't break it.

Redskins remain optimistic

Team believes RG3 will return from injury this season

By JOSEPH WHITE
The Associated Press

ASHBURN, Virginia — The Washington Redskins are optimistic that Robert Griffin III will return this season. Less clear is how much more Griffin can take before the “injury-prone” label supersedes anything else he accomplishes in his NFL career.

An MRI exam on Monday revealed that Griffin doesn't have any broken bones to go along with his dislocated left ankle, which means he doesn't need season-ending surgery and could theoretically return in a couple of months if all goes well with his rehab. Kirk Cousins will be the starting quarterback for much — if not all — of the rest of the year.

“This game, we only get to play it for such a short period of time,” safety Ryan Clark said, “so, for me, it's more just being sad for Rob. The football part of it goes on. The game? The NFL ain't never missed a play. They're going to keep playing no matter who's in those jerseys.”

Griffin was hurt when his left ankle planted awkwardly into the turf during the first quarter of Sunday's 41-10 win over the Jacksonville Jaguars. The scene was familiar: Griffin lying on the turf, the crowd murmuring with concern, teammates offering support. His tears spoke volumes.

Griffin missed all or part of four games during his record-setting rookie season of 2012, yielding the field to Cousins because of a concussion and later due to in-



EVAN VUCCI/AP

Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III speaks while standing on one foot during a media availability after Sunday's victory over the Jaguars. Washington won 41-10.

juries to a right knee that eventually had to be surgically reconstructed for a second time. In 2013, he missed part of one game with a tweaked left knee and was benched

for the final three games by coach Mike Shanahan.

Now the quarterback with the world-class sprinter's body has broken down again.

His MRI results will be sent to a specialist for further analysis, and coach Jay Gruden said he won't have a timetable for Griffin's return until the leg has been in a cast for a few weeks.

Gruden said there's “no consideration” at this point of putting Griffin on season-ending injured reserve. The coach answered “yes” when asked if he was optimistic about having the franchise player back in 2014.

“It's just a bump in the road for him. It's another little bit of adversity he's going to have to overcome. And part of being a quarterback is your mental toughness and ability to overcome adversity, and he's done it in the past, he'll do it again and we have total faith that he'll bounce back and be as good as ever soon.”

Meanwhile, Cousins has a sustained chance to prove he can be a starting NFL quarterback. His various fill-in appearances for Griffin have produced mixed results. He looked sharp Sunday, albeit against a Jaguars defense that left receivers open everywhere.

But he looked very comfortable — more so than Griffin — when running new coach Gruden's system during training camp and preseason. Gruden was trying to teach Griffin how to be a pocket passer; Cousins is already one.

Vikings welcome Peterson

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI
The Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Adrian Peterson was back at Minnesota Vikings headquarters on Monday and the first thing fullback Jerome Felton did when he saw his star running back was give him a high-five.

While many of Peterson's teammates welcomed him back and threw their support behind the embattled former MVP, the Vikings also faced plenty of criticism for deciding to let Peterson play while facing charges of child abuse.

The Radisson hotel chain suspended its sponsorship deal with the Vikings and former players such as Cris Carter and Scott Fujita lined up to question the team's motives while Peterson insisted that he was not a child abuser.

“I understand that this is a very difficult thing to handle,” Vikings general manager Rick Spielman said. “But we also feel strongly as an organization that this is disciplining a child. Whether it's an abusive situation or not, or whether he went too far disciplining, we feel very strongly that that is the court's decision to make, but we also understand the seriousness of abusing children as well.”

After deactivating Peterson for the 30-7 loss to the New England Patriots on Sunday while they gathered more information on the face of the franchise's indictment, the Vikings reinstated Peterson on Monday and said they expected him to play against the New Orleans Saints on Sunday. Peterson is accused of using a wooden switch to spank his 4-year-old son.

Peterson didn't talk to reporters, but did issue a statement through his agency that said he wanted “everyone to understand how sorry I feel about the hurt I have brought to my child.”

“I am not a perfect son. I am not a perfect husband. I am not a perfect parent, but I am, without a doubt, not a child abuser,” Peterson said in a nearly 500-word statement. “I am someone that disciplined his child and did not intend to cause him any injury.”

“We've just got to stick together. That's how the best teams win games and that's how the best teams grow as a team and [build] team chemistry,” defensive end Everson Griffen said.



SCOTT TAKUSHI, THE ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS/AP

Minnesota Vikings general manager Rick Spielman talks with reporters Monday about the decision to let Adrian Peterson to play Sunday against New Orleans.

SPORTS



Comeback kids

Sproles key as Eagles rally in 4th to defeat Colts | **Page 30**

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Auburn running back Corey Grant flips over San Jose State cornerback Jimmy Pruitt as he carries the ball on Sept. 6.

Butch Dill/AP

Dynamic duo

Auburn backs keep run game strong

BY JOHN ZENOR
The Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — Auburn running back Cameron Artis-Payne came into the season eager to prove he's got speed and Corey Grant aimed to show he has between-the-tackles power.

The two tailbacks for No. 5 Auburn so far have complemented each other nicely and helped the Tigers' running game remain one of the nation's best despite losing Heisman Trophy finalist Tre Mason.

"I think everybody individually has

their reasons why we run the ball so hard and why we say we have a chip on our shoulder," Grant said.

Whatever drives them, it's working. Auburn (2-0) enters Thursday night's visit to No. 20 Kansas State ranked fifth nationally in rushing offense. Artis-Payne stands eighth among individual runners in yards per game.

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Auburn running back Cameron Artis-Payne scores a TD against San Jose State.

Butch Dill/AP

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